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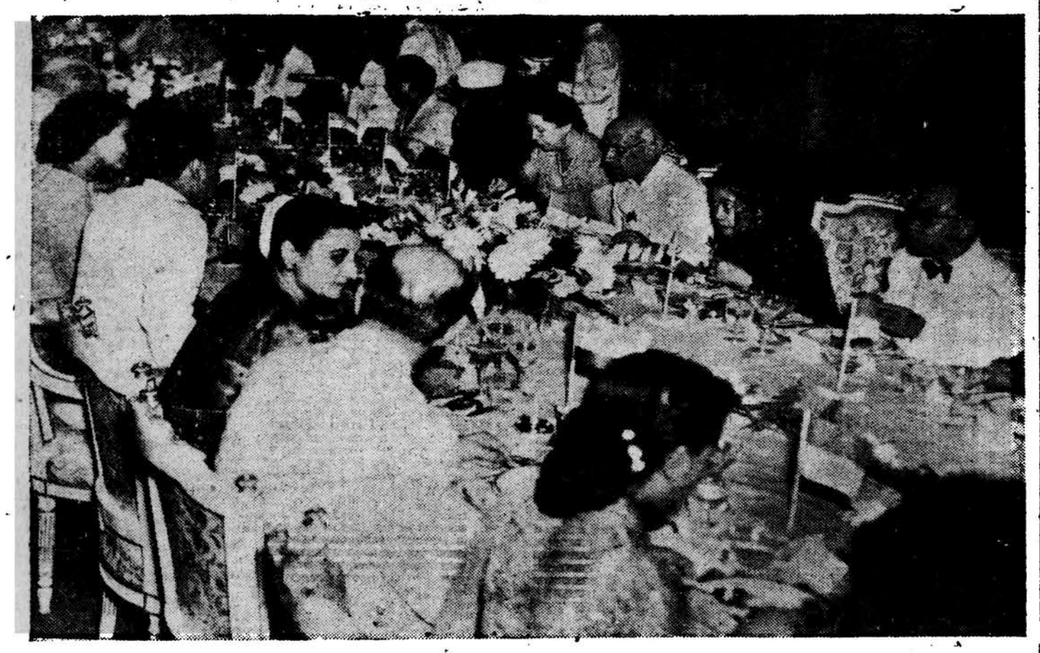

An official dinner was given to Pandit Nehru in Merdeka Palace, Djakarta Opposite to him is President Soekarno. To the left of Pandit Nehru is Madame Soekarno.

THE TREND IS FAVOURABLE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A proposal recommending the putting up of ceiling price of raw cotton is understood to have had general support with members of the Special Sub-Committee appointed by the Textile Advisory Board here today. No decision on the subject has yet been taken, but the consensus of opinion of members was strongly in favour of this step.

The Sub-Committee was presided over by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas.

From Egypt

NEW DELHI, June 13.

The quota for imports from Egypt of cotton twist and yarn of sixty counts and above for the licensing period January-June 1950 will be calculated at 6 2/3 per cent of half of the best year's imports of cotton twist and yarn of all counts from all sources. Applications for this item will be received up to July 7, 1950.

HUNGER-STRIKER IN NEPAL JAIL DIES

Demand For Humane Treatment

PATNA, June 13 (PTI).

SWAMI SHANKARNANDA, a prominent member of the Nepali Congress who went on hunger strike in Kathmandu Jail on May 23 demanding the redress of the grievances of the political prisoners in Nepal, died on the twelfth day of his fast on June 3, according to a statement issued here by Mr. K. P. Upadhya, Joint Secretary of the Nepali Congress.

Swami Shankarnand demanded "humane treatment for political prisoners, facilities for interviewing relatives and friends, better diet and books and classification off prisoners as in India."

A number of Nepali Congress workers were arrested in Kathmandu when they brought out a procession to demonstrate their grievances against the Nepal Government after the death of Swami Shankarnand, Mr. Upadhyaya said.

He added: "Nine Nepali Congressmen in Kathmandu Jail are on hunger strike since May 24 to press the demands of Swami Shankaranand. Eighteen other political prisoners lodged in the Kathmandu Prison joined them on May 31. The condition of some of the hunger-strikers is critical."

'WORK HARD, PRODUCE MORE WEALTH'

Nehru Sets Goal For A Free Indonesia

DEN PASAR, (Bali) June 13 (PTI).

INDIA'S Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrived here today accompanied by Dr. Soekarno, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Pandit Nehru was accorded a rousing reception by the people of Bali who lined the whole of the six-mile route from the airport to the town.

Houses along the route were decorated with palm leaves and buntings and dozens of orchestras were playing strange instruments. As the two leaders left the airport, chanting Hindu priests strewed flowers in the path of the car.

At the outskirts of the town, placard-carrying crowds broke the police cordon and formed the vanguard of the procession with Pandit Nehru's car to the maidan opposite the house of the Raja of Bali

THE WAY TO PROGRESS

Addressing a mass meeting at Den Pasar, Pandit Nehru said that unless they all worked hard and produced more wealth, the dream which they all had of a free Indonesia would remain empty.

"Unless you and I represent high culture, our talks of progress will have no meaning", he said.

"We must raise the standards of living and catch up with the rest of the world".

Pandit Nehru said India would adhere to the policy of not aligning with this or that bloc.

"Unless it concerns us, we are not going to waste our breath", he said. "Talks of leadership of Asia is all nonsense", he declared, adding: "Why should we pose ourselves as saviours of the world?"

Dr. Soekarno, who was also cheered by the audience, appealed to Indonesians to engage in constructive work.

NEHRU FLIES TO BALI

Visits Mahadev Temple At Prambanan

JOGJAKARTA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): India's Prime Minister Pandit Nehru left here today, mooring first to Suryakarta to visit the ancient Mahadev temple at Prambanan.

Later he moored to Maguwo where he flew to the Indonesian naval base of Sourabaya. From Sourabaya he flew on to the island of Bali.

Pandit Nehru, accompanied by Dr. Soekarno, President of Indonesia, left here after breakfast on the first stage of his day's engagements—a visit to the Mahadev temple where he spent over an hour. Under orders of the Republican Government the temple is now being repaired and at the time of Pandit Nehru's visit, the temple tower was covered with scaffolding.

From here the party moored to the airfield at Maguwo for the flight to Sourabaya.

Pandit Nehru was received at the airport by high officials of the Indonesian Government and a large gathering of the Indian community together with officers of the Indian Naval Squadron at present in the harbour there.

The Prime Minister addressed the members of the Indian community before flying on to Bali.

Bus Dashes Against Tree: 30 Injured

KANPUR, June 13, (PTI): Thirty passengers were injured, some seriously, when a Governmente bus, dashed against a roadside tree about ten miles from Kanpur today.

The accident occurred when the driver of the bus, which was coming to Kanpur, was trying to negotiate a curve and lost the balance of the steering wheel.

The injured have been admitted to a Kanpur hospital where they are progressing satisfactorily.

Bengal's 'Woe Rivers' In Spate

VAST AREA UNDER WATER

Tea-Town Flooded: Hundreds Of Cattle Washed Away

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI).

VAST areas in Midnapore, Cooch-Behar and Jalpaiguri were submerged when the three most turbulent rivers of Eastern India, Mayurakshi, Kosi and Tista, suddenly overflowed their banks on Sunday night following a heavy downpour in the week-end.

No loss of human life is reported, although hundreds of cattle heads and domestic animals were washed away and many houses collapsed. Landslides at Darjeeling, Bengal's health resort, have claimed 13 victims.

West Bengal's tea town of Jalpaiguri on the Tista is now under water which was reported to be receding late today. A large number of villages in Midnapore District are still under the flood waters of the Kosi. The power-house and the site of the fifteen-crore multi-purpose project on the Mayurakshi near Suri in Birbhum, now under construction, were submerged on Sunday night without any warning. The main barrage at Tilpara, about 132 miles from Calcutta, however remained above water.

Local rescue and relief operations are in progress.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT

Rail and tele-communication at many places in West Bengal and Assam still remains dislocated. Several trains on the Kathiar-Siliguri, Siliguri-Krishanganj, Siliguri Fakiramgram and Howrah-Kharagpur sections of the Assam and the Bengal Nagpur Railways have either been cancelled or terminated at wayside stations.

Heavy and widespread rain accompanied the cyclonic storm has swepts parts of Eastern India for the past three days. The three rivers now in spate are the "woe rivers" of Bengal, and several multi-purpose projects on them are in hand for food control, irrigation and generation of hydro-electricity.

WEST BENGAL TEA TOWN FLOODED

River Tista In Spate

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): The river "Tista" is in spate and has flooded Jalpaiguri, the well-known tea town of West Bengal, according to information received here today.

Parts of the Mekliguni sub-division of Cooch Behar on both banks of the "Tista", are also reported to be under water.

Rescue and relief operations are in progress in the affected-areas. No casualty has been reported.

The latest reports, however, indicate a fall in the water level of the "Tista".

OFFICIAL NOTE

The Government of West Bengal have received reports of damage caused by cyclone and heavy rain during the last three days, says a West Bengal Government Press Note issued here tonight.

The Press Note adds: "Jalpaiguri town and the surrounding countryside covering five or six unions were extensively flooded on June 12, as a result of a sudden rise in the Tista River. From midnight of June 12, however, flood water has slowly been receding and greater portion of the town area is now almost free of flood water. Details of damage are not yet known but loss of some cattle has been reported. Floods also occurred at Meckliganj in Cooch-Behar due to the Tista River being in spate.

"In Darjeeling, due to heavy rains there were many landslides. Twenty-five houses are reported to have been destroyed and 13 persons killed. Rescue work by the local authorities aided by the military is in progress. Further details are awaited. Telephonic and telegraphic connections have been dislocated.

TRAFFIC DISLOCATED

"Cyclonic weather and floods have also been responsible for rendering a oridge on the Kathihar-Siliguri section of the Assam Railway unsafe, with the result that the running of trains has had to be suspended until necessary precautionary measures can be carried out.

"A cyclone passed over parts of Midnapore District causing damage to villages in Contai, Ghatal, Sadar (South), and Sadar (North) sub-divisions. The Kosi River breached its left embankment near Kamalapur in Debra P. S. resulting in flooding of the surrounding area.

Latest reports are that the level of the river is falling. In all the areas affected by cyclone and floods there has been some damage to houses, but full particulars have not yet been received.

"In all these affected areas, district officers are carrying out relief operations according to the needs of the situation".

THIRD READING OF GROUP AREAS BILL

Guillotine Ends Discussions

CAPETOWN, June 13, (PTI-Reuter): The Government's motion for the third reading of the Group Areas Bill was carried in the Assembly today by 73 votes to 58.

The Bill, which would establish separate living areas for Europeans, Africans and other non-Europeans, will now go before the Senate.

Mr. Jacobus G N Strauss, acting leader of the South African Opposition in the absence of General Smuts, strove to secure delay.

Mr. Strauss moved that the Assembly "declines to pass that the third reading of the Group Areas Bill until a commission presided over by a supreme court judge has inquired into and reported on the subject".

The Government however had secured the passage of a guillotine which allowed only three hours for the delays and Opposition amendment automatically fell when the guillotine ended the discussion.

BAO DAI LOSING POPULARITY

Morale Of Supporters Weakens

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, June 13.

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai will receive this week eight C/47 transport planes from America under the Arms Aid Programme but many among those who sympathise with his regime feel that he is not doing enough to lead the people in the struggle for independence.

For the most part he remains at Dalat, far from Saigon, the seat of his Government or the scene of fighting in Tong King. He is occupied largely with court affairs and goes about tiger-shooting.

His recent move to leave his country and return to France to see his wife and children created unfavourable impression in Paris. If he is permitted at all to visit France, he will have to content with a short period, to take back his family to Indo-China.

It is now being increasingly realized that the morale of Bao Dai's supporters is not very strong and that the Vietminh movement is better organised and enjoys more popular support than the present Saigon Government.

FORTY-TWO LOST IN PLANE CRASH

BAHREIN (Persian Gulf) June 13 (PTI-Reuter).

FORTY TWO people, including a number of women and children, were feared lost when an Air France Skymaster airliner, caught in a Persian gulf monsoon crashed off Bahrein in darkness early today.

Eight survivors, one seriously injured, and four dead have so far been landed here from rescue boats.

Ships and planes were still searching the heavy seas for a raft on which it was still hoped some passengers might have escaped.

All aboard were French, except for one stateless person.

They include French Colonial Officials returning home on leave from Indo-China with their wives and children.

The number of children aboard was believed to account for the many passengers.

LAST MESSAGE

The plane, on the 7,000-mile flight from Saigon to Paris, left Karachi yesterday. It sent a last message 10 miles before it was due to land at Bahrein saying it was flying very low in bad weather over a heavy sea.

The crew of eight included 53-year-old Jean Sladek, the pilot, an aviation pioneer believed to hold a world record with 19,500 flying hours. The others were a co-pilot, two radio operators, two mechanics, an air hostess and a steward. Passengers included a well-known French journalist M. Jean Francois Armorin, of the Paris left wing paper France Tireur, returning from a reporting tour of Indo-China.

This was the second accident in a total of 719 return flights since the Air France Saigon Paris Service began 18 years ago. The other was in January 1934 when a three engined plane crashed in Central France killing all 14 passengers and 3 crew.

A French military aircraft with 13 aboard was also reported missing today on a flight from Tananarive, Central Madagascar.

SIX SURVIVERS

Only six of the 51 people on board survived today's French skymaster crash off Bahrein in the Persian Gulf, Air France announced here.

CABINET TO MEET IN DEHRA DUN

Move To Finalise Cotton Prices

(From Our Special Correspondent).
NEW DELHI, June 13.

OFFICIATING Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has summoned the Central Cabinet to meet at Dehra Dun on Friday, June 16. The cotton policy which is being discussed at Bombay today and tomorrow is likely to be finalised at the meeting.

The statement of cotton policy issued last month deferred the question of cotton prices to some date in August. Indications are that the revised ceiling prices of cotton will be announced soon after the Friday meeting of the Cabinet.

45 Killed By Landslides

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI). Landslides during last week's heavy rain in Darjeeling District killed 45 people and caused injuries to 20 others, according to the latest official report received here tonight.

As many as 55 huts were demolished by the landslides, the report added. Many heads of cattle were also lost.

These losses were caused in Kalimpong, Kurseon and Darjeeling areas, hill stations in Darjeeling District.

ONE SHOT DEAD IN VILLAGE FEUD

Two Houses Burnt

INDORE, June 13. (UPI): One man was shot dead and two houses were burnt and reduced to ashes as a result of a free fight between a Jagirdar and his men on the one side and the Patel and his men on the other side, in the village of Samaya in the district of Gird. The trouble arose out of an old enmity between them.

The situation has been brought under control by the District Magistrate who rushed to the spot.

BORDER CLASH, WITHIN INDIAN TERRITORY

Question Taken Up With Pakistan Officials

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): Sunday's border clash between Pakistan troops and an Indian patrol near Gulbargah, a village in Jammu District, took place about 200 yards within Indian territory, according to authoritative reports received in Delhi

The reports confirmed the Indian casualties in the incident as one officer and five other ranks killed, and added that one Indian officer and four other ranks were also injured.

Total casualties on the Pakistan side are presumed to be ten killed and injured. Earlier reports had said that 15 Pakistanis were believed to have been killed in the clash.

The Indian Army authorities here are understood to have taken up the matter with the Pakistan Army authorities.

Three Lives Lost In A Fire

MADURA, June 13. (PTI): Three persons, including two women, lost their lives in a big fire which broke out in the village of Anizur, about five miles from Madura, early last night.

Three cows and a calf were also burnt to death and some houses were damaged.

Three fire engines from Madura fought the flames for more than ten hours before the fire was brought under control.

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2. The Bata Shoe Co., Ltd., have already concluded agreement with the Faridabad Development Board for 20 acre modern factory and have started work. 67 other applications received by Board for factory sites of various sizes are under consideration.

3. Development of the township has progressed sufficiently for industrialists to start work. 16 miles of road already built and partly metalled; Tube-wells yielding 35 lakh gallons a day already completed and pipelines laid; 6,000 KW power plant already arrived at site and erection expected to be completed early 1951 when power will be available at industrial rate prevailing in Delhi. Diesel generating sets already installed and limited quantity of power will be available for industries during interim period at cost. Telephone connections already available. Post and Telegraph office opened. Branch of Imperial Bank of India to be opened middle of June.

4. Applicants for factory sites should state their requirements as follows:—

(a) Land in acres;

(b) Electric power in KW; and

(c) Water in gallons per day.

Applicants should also state the nature of the industry they propose to establish and whether they have any past experience of the industry and the amount of capital to be invested on (a) plant and buildings; and (b) working capital.

SUDHIR GHOSH,
Secretary,
Faridabad Development Board,
C|o. The Ministry of
Rehabilitation,
NEW DELHI. 8012

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H. C. CAPTAIN,
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Bombay, 14th June, 1950. (8016)

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M. M. CHUDASAMA,
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A sum of Rs. 250|- must be deposited in cash as earnest money with the Dy. Chief Accounts Officer, Assam Rail Link Project, Kurseong, and the Receipt number and date must be quoted on the tender. No interest will be paid on cash deposit. CHEQUES AND BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPTS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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Further details if required can be had by reference to Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Kurseong.

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2. Blank tender forms with specifications and conditions of contract can be obtained on payment of Rs. 25/- per copy on any working day up to the 30th June 1950. Firms outside Bombay may obtain copies on remittance of cost by money order. Tender sent by post should be sent in Registered cover and sealed superscribed with a heading "TENDER FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING OF SUB-STATION BUILDINGS" at Ahmedabad, etc."

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Yet Undeveloped, Says Expert

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. John L. Watkins of the Trans-Australian Airlines today urged Indian business men and members of the commercial community to show a greater appreciation of the advantages of air transport which, he said, have not yet been fully tapped in this country.

Addressing the Bombay Rotary Club, Mr. Watkins, who is now in India on the invitation of the Government to serve as Technical Adviser on the Civil Aviation Enquiry Committee, stated, "The new Republic of India needs more air transport to enable the full development of its potentialities so as to enrich the life of its people."

GREAT SCOPE

Referring to the poor air-mindedness of Indians, he said that between the two cities of Bombay and Calcutta, with a joint population of 8 milion, which was the total population of the whole of Ausralia and separated by dreary 36 hours' railway journey, airlines offered only 62 seats a day each way. As compared to this, between Sydney and Melbourne in Ausaralia, air companies offered 673 seats a day in 1949

Mr. Watkins could not attribute this low air-mindedness among Indians to the high air fare nor to the poor standard of living of the people here. He admitted that the air fare in India which was four annas per mile was higher than that in Ausaralia where it was about two and a half annas per mile. He believed that the main reason for the poor use of air transport facilities here was the lack of proper appreciation of the importance of air traffic on the part of industrialists and business men of the country.

Striking an optimistic note, Mr. Watkins said that given a little more well-directed effort in improving the air services on the part of the companies, and a growing realisation particularly on the part of commerce and industries, air transport would be worthwhile using day in and day out.

Lt. Col. J. D. Kothawala presided over the meeting, while Rotarian Sorab K. Kooka proposed a vote of thanks.

TOURIST TRAFFIC PROMOTION TALKS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Shri Y. N. Sukhtankhar, Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Government of India, met the American Tourist Promotion Group consisting of representatives of the American Express Company, Trans-World Airways, Pan American Airways and Thomas Cook and Son at the regional tourist office in Bombay this morning and discussed with them how best government could encourage tourist traffic in India from dollar countries particularly from the U.S.A.

The American tourist promotion group, it is understood, apprised the Transport Secretary of the difficulties in the way of travellers agencies in getting pass-ports, visa, currency, custom facilities and pleaded that the Government should immediately do away with all unnecessary hindrances in order to attract tourists from foreign countries.

Shri Sukhtankhar, is also meeting the representatives of hotel associations at the Taj Mahal Hotel where he will discuss with them how to bring about a uniform standard of comforts in the hotels in respect of food, accommodation and transport to tourists at reasonable cost and short notice.

CYCLES A HEADACHE TO DELHI COPS

NEW DELHI, June 13, (PTI): Cycle traffic is the major headache of Delhi's traffic cops. This is one of the observations of the Transport Ministry's Roads Organisation which recently undertook a small-scale survey of traffic on New Delhi roads.

The survey proved inconclusive for want of accurate accident data and on account of the heterogenous nature of the traffic. It was found, however, that the majority of accidents took place during peak traffic hour between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The survey extended to 28 road junctions covering important streams of traffic and the main entries to and exits from the city.

REDS ARRESTED: Police tonight arrested six Communists in Cairo, including two Government officials and two students.

PADDY SOWING BEGINS

Moderate Rains

BOMBAY, Tuesday: With the setting in of the south-west monsoon throughout Bombay State, the sowing of panddy has begun in the rice-producing tracts.

Rainfall was moderate in Ahmedabad, Panch Mahals, Broach, Banas Kantha, Dhulia, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Kolhapur, Satara South, Poona, Sholapur, Bijapur, Belgaum, Dharwar and Kolaba districts during the first week of this month. Heavy rains fell over Satara North, Kanara and Ratnagiri Districts.

The total area under rice in the State of Bombay is about 2,037,000 acres.

In the Deccan, the sowing of paddy has begun in Satara North and the canal areas of Nasik and Ahmednagar. The preparation of land for the ensuing khariff season continued in all parts of the Deccan.

The sowing of paddy is also reported from Kolaba, Ratnagiri, Kanara and Belgaum Districts. Commencement of similar sowing operations, tilling and manuring is in progress in Bijapur, Belgaum and Dharwar.

In Gujerat, the preparation of land for the ensuing khariff season is in full swing.

In all these regions the position of fodder supply and drinking and irrigation water is generally satisfactory.

CHOLERA CASES IN KAIRA AND SURAT

Health Report

BOMBAY, Tuesday: While small-pox continued to be on the decline in the State of Bombay during the week ended June 6 last, the incidence of cholera showed a sudden increase, particularly in the districts of Kaira and Surat. Anti-cholera measures are being carried out in the affected and threatened villages.

Plague and poliomyelitis were totally absent in the State, during the week.

In the Kaira District, cholera infection was reported from five villages in the Mehmadabad taluka. Preventive measures are being carried out under the supervision of the District Health Officer. Mass inoculation is in progress. As the village of Ghodasar, which is infected by cholera, is situated on the banks of the river Watrak and it was apprehended that infection may spread to down stream villages, special precautionary measures, including disinfection of water supplies, are being carried out in all such villages. In the Surat District, only one village in Olpad taluka was involved. The infection in the Satara North, Nasik and Kolhapur Districts is of a sporadic nature.

Bandra Government Hostel

ALLOTMENT OF SEATS

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The one hundred and forty-six seats at the Government Hostel, Bandra (Greater Bombay), have been re-allocated by the Government as follows from the current academic year:

The Sir J. J. School of Art (16); Government Colleges, i.e., the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, the Elphinstone College, the Government Law College and the Ismail Yusuf College (20); the Bombay University (35); the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (2); the Intsitute of Science and post-graduate students from other colleges (20); the Jai Hind College (5); the National College (10); the R. A. Potdar Medical College (13); the Labour Welfare School (10); the Model Industrial Institute of Handicrafts (5); and unattached students (10).

Of the 20 seats for Government Colleges, eight have been reserved for the students of the Law College. The 35 seats for the Bombay University have been distributed as follows: the Department of Chemical Technology (20); the Department of Sociology (4); the Department of Statistics (3); the Department of Politics (2); the Department of Economics (4); and the Department of Library Diploma Course (2).

GROUNDNUT HUSK AS CATTLE FODDER

Experiments Yield Good Results

NEW DELHI, June 13, (PTI): The possibility of using groundnut husk, which at present is wasted, as cattle fodder, is under investigation at the Indian Veterinary Research Station, Izzatnagar.

The chemical examination of the husk indicated that crude protein and crude fibre contents in it are high as compared with wet chaff (bhoosa) and rice straw.

Feeding experiments on cows for about three months showed that the use of groundnut husk had no ill effect on them while, in the case of adult bullocks, it was found that they actually gained in weiiht.

It was also found that groundnut husk mixed with equal proportion of wheat bhoosa, small quantity of rape cake and salt was relished by cows, calves, bullocks and buffaloes. Further trials showed that it can be safely fed to adult and dry animals up to fifty per cent.

Increase In Jowar Yield And Acreage

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): The second all-India estimate of jowar for the year 1949-50 puts the area and outturn at 35,528,000 acres and 4,031,000 tons as against 34,474,000 acres and 3,359,000 tons in 1948-49, showing an increase of 3.1 per cent and 20.0 per cent respectively over the previous years' figures says, an Agriculture Ministry press note.

'CONTROLS RETARD PROGRESS OF TRADE'

MERCHANTS' BODY CALLS FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL

BOMBAY, Tuesday (PTI): THE Committee of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay, in a communication to the Government of India has stressed the need for withdrawal of all controls on production, distribution and prices.

"The public feeling has been so much roused in the country against the existing scheme of controls, be they in the sphere of civil supplies or in the regulation of imports and exports, that the question of examining the removal of such controls cannot be delayed any longer", the Committee said.

"It must be admitted that the controls in force have not only failed to achieve the main aims and purposes of augmenting production, securing and equitable distribution and of arresting the rise in prices, but have actually released forces that have produced exactly the opposite results of a fall in production, agricultural and industrial, inequitable distribution and an obstinacy of prices in remaining at the same high level".

The Committee stated that controls in general have been "throttling the process of industrial recovery and trade activities in the country". "The net result of the operation of controls has been to clog the wheels of industrial progress and therefore of increased production, to displace the various categories of middle-class population engaged in trade and industry through curtailing their sphere of activities and ultimately preventing the attainment of the desired result of a fall in prices", the Committee said.

FULL FREEDOM WANTED

Pointing out that the conditions of sellers' market have almost ceased to exist, the Committee said that "if the country has to nurse and nurture its overseas trade, particularly in finding export markets in years to come to close the widening gap in the balance of payments position, there should be complete freedom from the shackles of controls on distribution and prices in the internal markets".

The Committee added: "if today there is still shortage of food, shortage of essential industrial raw materials like raw jute and cotton, stagnation in business activity, increasing unemployment griding down the middle and lower middle-classes, dislocation of the distribution machinery, deficits in states' budgets, they may all be related to the policy of controls and their administration, which have largely contributed to the economic deterioration in the country.

"Whatever justification there may have been for enforcing the controls during the war-time and in the transition period immediately following the war, there are at present no grounds for projecting the same policy much to the detriment of national welfare".

The Committee also pointed out the actual effects of the operation of controls on some of the major and minor industries, foodgrains, raw cotton, yarn and coal.

MINISTRIES REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE

Estimates Committee To Scrutinise

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): Three of the five Ministries, whose estimates of expenditure will be scrutinised this year by the Parliamentary Estimates Committee, have submitted their answers to the detailed questionnaire which was sent out by the Committee during its first meeting in April last.

These are the Industry and Supply Ministry, the Food Ministry and the Agricultural Ministry. Those yet to send in their answers are the Ministries of Commerce, and Works, Mines and Power.

The Committee is meeting here from July 5 to consider these estimates in detail and make recommendations for economy. The Committee is only concerned with seeing how economically the policies approved by Parliament can be given effect to.

The Committee which may split up into five Sub-Committees to deal expeditiously with the work of each Ministry is expected to be in session for about a month. It is open to the Committee to make its recommendations piece-meal so that its proposals can be considered by the Finance Ministry in October-November at the time of the preparation of the preliminary budget estimates for the year.

SHRI VAIKUNTH L. MEHTA

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Shri Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, will leave Bombay for Mehsana on June 15 and return on June 17. The same day, the Minister will leave for Pandharpur and return to Bombay on June 19.

Technical Training For DPs

NEW DELHI June 13, (PTI): The Government of India have decided to provide facilities for training in the Nilokheri Polytechnic for displaced persons from thirteen different States, and have reserved 370 seats for this purpose, it was learnt yesterday.

The distribution of the seats would be as follows: Punjab 100, Bombay and Uttar Pradesh 40 each, PEPSU, Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat 20 each, Madhya Pradesh Saurashtra, Vindhya Pradesh and Ajmer 20 each and Himachal Pradesh, Cutch and Bhopal ten each.

PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS: Measures for preventing railway accidents in future were discussed at a conference between officials of West Bengal Government and heads of railways in Eastern India at the West Bengal Secretariat on June 12.

CONGRESS ELECTION DISPUTES

A. I. C. C. Discussion

NEW DELHI, June 13, (PTI): The Congress Election Sub-Committee today discussed methods to end disputes in Congress Panchayat elections in Patiala and East Punjab States Union, Vidaroha and Mahakosal (Madhya Pradesh). Representatives of the divergent Congress groups of these States were present.

The Committee was represented by two members Mr. Shankerao Deo and Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, out of the total five.

The Committee directed the AICC representative to deal with elections, Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt, to visit Vidarbha and recommend measures.

The Committee asked the PEPSU deputationists who complained against the "malafide" elections in the State, to submit a written memorandum specifying their charges.

About Mahakosal, the matter would be referrtd to the Mahakosal P C C for further investigation.

The Committee will re-assemblt on June 18 to review the election dispute in Andhra.

Election disputes, it is understood, developed in most cases from the rivalry between divergent groups to take control of the Panchayats.

CONGRESS WINS ALL SEATS

Katihar Municipal Elections

PATNA, June 13 (PTI): Socialists and Independents have been trounced by the Congress in the Katihar municipal elections.

The Congress has captured all the twelve seats for which elections were held. Four other seats are vacant, and elections for these have been indefinitely postponed by the local autnorities.

Socialists and Independents contested ten seats. The deposits of six Socialists and eight Independents were forfeited.

It was the first election in Bihar after the attainment of independence and under adult franchise.

Mr. Baidyanath Prasad Choudhury, Secretary of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee and President of the Purnea District Congress Committee, in the course of a statement said: "The Katihar election has pricked the bubble of labour support for the Socialists." The workers, along with the rural population, he said, stood as solidly behind the Congress as ever.

REJOINDER TO U. P MINISTER

"Rebel" Leader's Challenge

LUCKNOW, June 13 (UPI): Mr. Gopal Narain Saxena, Vice-President of the newly-formed Peoples' Congress in the course of a press statement as a rejoinder to Mr. C. B. Gupta said that they had left the Congress "because it has lost its political character and has become a hot bed of corruption, nepotism and a hand-maiden of bureaucratic incompetence and inefficiency."

He added: "What material benefit can anybody hope to derive by going out of the ruling party and by creating a front against the vested interests who boss over the Congress ministries and Congress committees".

Mr. Saksena challenged the claim of Mr. Gupta that an inquiry was held into the charges brought against him by the "Rebel Group", by the Leader of the Congress Party in U.P. Legislature Premier Pant and added: "The assertion that any enquiry worth the name was held is further falsified by the fact that as late as in May last Congress President wrote to Pandit Pant to hold an inquiry. Assuring that an enquiry was held by Pantji, we would like to know how he exonerated Mr. Gupta".

REBEL GROUP SEEKS RECOGNITION

Mr. Tribhuvan Singh, leader of the "rebel" Congressmen in the U. P. Legislative Assembly, has applied to the Speaker for a formal recognition of his party to be known now as "People's Congress Party."

The party with a membership of 21 in the Lower House will be the biggest party on the Opposition benches and will thus become the main opposition in the Assembly.

Mr. Tribhuvan Singh will become the Opposition leader.

The "rebels" have been occupying the Opposition benches since January 26.

The total membership of the party in both Houses of the Legislature will be 25.

The membership in the Upper House will be four.

HANDLOOM WEAVERS: The All India Handloom Weavers Congress has decided to hold its next annual session at Sholapur in July next, under the presidentship of Professor N.G. Ranga it is learnt here.

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BUILDING ADDITIONAL FLOORS TO HOUSES

Municipality To Relax Controls

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In conformity with the policy approved by the Municipal Corporation of encouraging the building of additional floors in the ex-Trust and Shivaji Park Estates, there is to be a relaxation of controls which will make more building materials available.

The Municipal Commissioner has already been receiving shoals of applications for the construction of additional floors, and has recommended to the Improvement Committee that work be allowed to commence, subject to the approval of the plans by the Special Engineer and the depositing of the requisite premium.

This will apply also to proposals for motor garages and sitting-out places. The scheme, it is stated, will avoid complaints from the lessees that proposals take some time to receive sanction even after the plans approved by the Special Engineer.

This was one of the items on the agenda at the meeting of the Improvements Committee. Discussion of other items were postponed as a mark of respect when Mr. Ganpat Shankar Rao made a touching reference to the death of Sane Guruji.

Sir A. Nye In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India, Sir Archibald Nye, arrived this morning from Delhi at Santa Cruz. He is making a short official visit to Bombay in order to renew the contacts, especially with the United Kingdom community and business circles, which he made during his last visit to this city in January 1949. He is returning to Delhi on Friday, June 16th.

Sir Archibald Nye was met at Santa Cruz by Mr. Leslie Pott, Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Bombay, and Mrs. Pott.

A NEW STANDARD IN INDIAN COMEDIES!

NAV KETAN'S AFSAR

is COMING TO CREATE SENSATION—

Director: CHETAN ANAND

Music: S D. BURMAN

Starring: SURAIYA, DEV ANAND, Kanhaiyalal, Manmohan, Ruma Devi.

From FRIDAY, 16th at CAPITOL—KAMAL

(Ad. Booking open as usual)

Also at CITYLIGHT, SURYA, KISMET, NEPTUNE (Bandra), SWASTIK (Malad), MODEL (Kurla), ALWIN (Kalyan).

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ROXY: 3, 6-15, 9.30

NARGIS & DILIP KUMAR in RANJIT'S

JOGAN

Daily: 3, 6-15 & 9-30

LIBERTY

LOVE'S TRIPLE GAME

KHEL

3-30, 6-30, 9-30

KRISHNA-SURYA and STAR —MAZGAON

From FRIDAY 16th RIVOLI (Matunga) and LIDO (Juhu).

From FRIDAY, 16th See SAIGAL in New Theatres'

MY SISTER

Sumitra, Nawab.

MINERVA

Last 2 DAYS: CHHOTA BHAI 3-30, 6-30, 9-30.

BASIC EDUCATION COLLEGE OPENED

V. L. Mehta Commends The System

Shri Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, opened the Primary Basic Training College at Khiroda, in the Raver taluka of the East Khandesh District, yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mehta said that the opening of a Basic Training College was a revolutionary step in the educational system of India. He added that the Basic type of education was very useful and it was also consistent with the mode of life of Indians.

Referring to the type of education that was being imparted for sometime past, Shri Mehta said that it only looked to the intellectual development of pupils, while the new system, that is, Basic system, aimed at their all round development. While the old system made pupils dissatisfied with village life and lured them to cities, the new type of education, imparted through Basic crafts, would create in their minds a love for their surroundings with the result that the gulf between the rural and urban life would be bridged to some extent.

The Minister was on a tour of the East Khandesh District inspecting Sarvodaya activities.

Addressing meetings at Savkhede and Lohare, the Minister explained how the Government was aiming at an all-round development of the people living in backward areas by providing them with facilities for education, health, better farming and water supply.

Sent Proxy To SSC Exam

STUDENT ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Tuesday

A student who has declared to have passed the SSC examination held in 1949 figured as an accused before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate Esplanade Court today, more than 12 months after those results had been declared, charged with improper practices to secure his success.

It was stated that Amanullakhan Mohamedkhan Pathan, who had appeared for the SSC in 1949, from a high school in Savanur, Dharwar District, with Dadar as his centre, was declared successful when the results were out.

This puzzled all those who knew the boy, including his own teachers and headmaster, for the accused had the reputation of being the "dullest boy in the school."

It was suspected that he had been guilty of some malpractice. His answer papers were sent for and it was seen that they were not in his handwriting, but in the handwriting of some other.

The matter was referred to the Bombay Police at this stage, who took a specimen of the student's handwriting and sent it to the official handwriting expert, along with the answer papers. The handwriting expert declared that they were different writings.

The boy was arrested for attempting to cheat the SSC Board.

The Magistrate allowed him bail.

FRONTIER MAIL TO START EARLY

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Some engineering works of an urgent nature have necessitated the earlier start of 3 Dn. Frontier Mail and 11 Dn. Ahmedabad passenger from Bombay Central at 6-35 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. respectively, with effect from 15th June, 1950.

G.I.P. Railway Earnings For May

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The approximate earnings of the G. I. P. Railway for the month and to the end of the month of May 1950 amounted to Rs. 3,77,55,000 and Rs. 7,35,80,000 against the actuals of Rs. 3,70, 69,000 and Rs. 7,25,29,000 respectively in the corresponding period of the last year.

Prosecution Of Footboard Travellers

BOMBAY, Tuesday: During the period of ten days from 21-5-50 to 31-5-50 the number of prosecutions launched by the B. B. and C. I. Railway against footboard travellers on the Bombay Local Section, the Main Broad Gauge Line and the Metre Gauge Line was 23, 16 and 9 respectively. The prosecution resulted in the conviction of 46 persons. The cases against 2 offenders are still pending.

GUJERAT HARIJANS MEET: Two hundered and twenty five Harijan leaders of Gujerat, meeting here on Sunday last under the presidentship of Mr. M.S. Patel, President of the Baroda District Congress Committee, resolved to form a central organisation for the uplift of the depressed classes of Gujerat.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Jesth Vad 14, 2006
Muslim: Shaban 27, 1369
Parsi: Deh 15, 1319
Sunrise 6-1 a.m., Sunset 7-17 p.m.
Hightide 11-48, 23-06 Lowtide 04-44, 17-42

ALL-INDIA MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION: Members of Central and Working Committees will meet the Minister for Industries and Supply, at 6 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: The Minister for Industries and Supplies will answer questions at a Question and Answer meeting, at Green's at 6-30 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Universal Applications of Doctrine" at J. Wadia Bldg., Opp. Flora Fountain, at 6-15 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

Air News From Delhi

Wednesday, June 14.

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee. 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram. 7-45 Hindi by Radio. 8-15 Vimal Narvekar, Lalit. 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari 12-50 Babubhai Shah. 1-40 Personalities on Parade. 4-30 Teachers' Broadcast. 5 Vimal Narvekar, Multani. 5-30 Gokul Lal Shur. 5-45 Rang Bhoomi. 6-10 Sangeet Shiksha. 6-30 Babubhai Shah, Prahlad Parekh rachit G. songs. 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report. 7-20 Gujarati Ghazal, Lalit. 7-30 Babubhai Shah, Bhajan. 7-45 Kamgar Sabha. 8-30 Amritlal, G. songs 8-45 Films Division Orchestra. 9-15 P. Shriniwasrao, Shankara. 9-30 Chitrapat Se. 9-45 Gokul Lal Shur. 10 Tana Indo-Lusa. 10-30 Conrad Thibault.

VARIATIONS: 7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee. 8 Gokul Lal Shur, Tabla solo. 8-45 R. K. Ranade, L. M. Songs. 12-45 p.m. As in Bombay A. 1 Abhang. 1-10 Vividh Sangeet. 1-50 Nasiruddin Khan, vocal music. 2-10 S. K. Abhyankar, Khayal. 4-30 As in Bombay A. 5-30 Ram Marathe, M. songs. 5-45 P. Shriniwasrao, L. Kannad songs. 6 R. K. Ranade, Marathi Pad. 6-20 Gaon Panchayat. 6-50 Gram Panchayat. 7-30 Commercial News. 8-15 Hindi by Radio. 8-30 Nae Daon Men. 9 R. K. Ranade, L. M. songs. 9-45 The Week in Retrospect. 10 Pralaancha Raja. 10-30 Vimal Narvekar.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Bhakti Bhav. 7-45 Summary of programme for today and tomorrow. 7-50 Khayal Todi. 8-15 Sitar Vadan. 8-30 Narayandas Laldas, Kabir. 5-30 p.m. Street Sammelan. 6-10 J. D. Tambe, Kayal. 6-30 Gramjano Mate. 7 K. L. Saigal. 7-15 As in Ahmedabad. 7-30 Saraswati Been Par Sohini. 7-45 J. D. Tambe, classical music. 8 Narayanlal Laldas, V. music 8-10 Sthanik Samachar ane Havaman. 8-30 Aa Pan Sambhalo. 9-30 Food Supply 9-45 Bharatiya-Sangeet.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Ashram Bhajanavali. 7-40 Raag Sangeet. 8-15 As in Baroda. 8-30 Jamiyat Pandya Ni Krutio. 5-30 p.m. Khayal Shree. 5-45 Pitamberdas Maganlal. 6-10 As in Baroda. 6-30 Geet Sudha. 6-45 Tabale par Zaptal. 7 Makrand Badshah. 7-15 Abhinav Kavya. 7-30 Majoor Bhaio Mate. 8 Local Announcements and weather Report. 8-5 Bal Geeto. 8-30 Karim Nam Tero. 8-45 Vrund-Vadan. 9-30 As in Baroda.

B.B.C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE: 7-45 a.m. The Adventures of Richard Hannay. 8-15 Report from Britain. 8-45 The Cathedral Organs. 9 Reading by James Stephens. 10-10 The Royal Artillery Mounted Band. 10-30 Donald Peers. 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 Listeners' Choice. 1 Radio Theatre, The Dark Tower. 2-15 Piano Playtime. 2-30 Here's Howard. 3 Mid-Week Prom. 3-45 People in Industry. 4 Land and Livestock 4-45 Jack White. 5-15 The English Novel-8. 5-45 Work and Worship. 6 BBC Welsh Orchestra. 6-45 English Eloquence. 7 Much-Binding-in-The-March. 7-45 Light Music. 8-5 Ascot: The Royal Hunt Cup. 8-45 Guards on Parade. 9-15 Stock-Taking. 9-45 Music for Dancing. 10-30 Mid-Week Talk.

EASTERN SERVICE: 7-30 p.m. Tamilosai, A Tamil Magazine Programme. 8 Behnon Ki Khidmat Men. 8-15 Sunne ki Baten. 8-30 Sabras.

MINOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES

Dr. Mehta's Appeal For Urgent Execution

BOMBAY, Tuesday.—The urgency of completing the scheme of minor irrigation works, at an early date, for which the Government of India had advanced a loan of a crore of rupees to the State Government, was stressed by the Public Works Minister, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, when he addressed the Poona District Rural Development Board, at Poona yesterday.

The Minister expected that the survey work in connection with the scheme would be completed in three months' time and actual construction would be taken in hand in November next.

Dr. Mehta said that in order to avoid delay in the execution of these works, local committees had been given enough latitude and Government's previous sanction for works costing less than Rs. 150 was not required. Referring to the contribution to be made by cultivators who would be benefited by the scheme, the Minister said that only a quarter of the cost of construction would be recovered from them and added that some concession would be given to backward and scarcity-stricken areas.

HYDERABAD MINISTRY: Mr. B. Ramakrishna Rao, who today assumed office as a Minister of Hyderabad Government, said that the new Ministry in Hyderabad was not dyarchical in character nor was it susceptible to pernicious influences which attended any such experiment in administration he added.

DOCKS NORMAL; BUT DISPUTE OVER OUTPUT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Normal activity was restored in the Bombay docks this morning after five days' breakdown, according to a spokesman of the Stevedore Association.

He described the position as being extraordinarily good with the actual working 'above normal'. All the twenty-five ships berthed in the principal docks were being worked by the 1,600 men engaged as substitute labour. During the go-slow campaigns the output was less than 2,000 tons, but today it is expected to reach the 8,000-ton mark.

The representatives of the workers stated that the output could not even be 1,000 tons in view of the fact that the substitute labour was inexperienced and could not be expected efficiently to handle the work done by the regular workers. They also stated that they would organise a procession to-morrow which will pass through the areas from where the substitute labour is engaged.

Meanwhile, other sections of dock labour are expected to meet today to review the situation and decide the issue of a general strike.

Mr. Jaleshwar Prasad, Chief Labour Commissioner, is expected to arrive in the city in connection with the dispute.

MINIATURE MINT UNEARTHED

City Police Arrest One Person

What was claimed to be a miniature mint—counterfeit—was unearthed by the Bombay police who raided yesterday room no. 54, 2nd floor, BDD chawls, Worli, and arrested Abdul Jamil Sherali, its sole occupant.

The police alleged that they recovered from the room, materials, used for counterfeiting purposes as well as implements for the manufacture of counterfeit coins. Among the things seized were three lbs of "kalai""—some metal required to silver surfaces, 35 pieces of copper cut to the size of the rupee of the Indian Dominion, brass bars, half-melted spoons, scales, tongs and a quantity of nickel. They are stated to have also recovered a piece of nickel cut to resemble a rupee.

The accused who was put up before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, was ordered to be released on bail.

SINDHI MERCHANT DISCHARGED

Whisky Smuggling Charge

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Dharamdas Mulchand, a Sindhi merchant from Kalyan, was yesterday discharged by Mr. Nimazee, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, and ordered to be released at once. He had been arrested by the Byculla Police on the railway platform with a suit case containing two bottles of Nasik Whisky, which the police alleged the accused had brought into Bombay by train from Ajmer.

Mr. Manek Shahani, Advocate for accused Dharamdas, informed the learned magistrate that the police had found a suit-case from under a bench on which the accused happened to be sitting and that was how the police had suspected Mr. Dharamdas to be the owner of the suit case containing liquor and had consequently charge-sheeted him. Accepting the plea of the accused, the learned magistrate discharged Mr. Dharamdas Mulchand and ordered him to be released atonce from custody.

LEASE OF LIFE FOR LAW COLLEGE

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The question of the continuance or otherwise of the Shahji Law College, Kolhapur, was under the consideration of the Government of Bombay for some time past. The Government has now decided that it should be continued for one year more, i.e., up to the end of the academic year 1950-51.

As the number of students at the College is very small and as facilities for instruction in Law are available at Belgaum and Poona, the Government considers that the continuance of the College, which is not self-supporting, beyond that date is not justified. Unless an educational society interested in taking over its management comes forth within that period to run it, the Government will be compelled to close it down at the end of the current academic year.

Illicit Liquor From Gur

(From Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, June 13 Illicit distillation from liquid 'gur' ('Kakambi') is increasing in the Sirsi and Siddapur talukas where the smuggled liquor from Goa is not easily accessible, according to reliable reports received here.

For the purpose of illicit distillation, it is alleged, truckloads of liquid 'gur' from some parts of the Kumta taluka are being moved out to the Sirsi and Siddapur talukas where this trade is said to be flourishing.

As a result of this demand for liquid 'gur' from illicit distillers, its price has soared up from Rs. 11 per tin, containing about two maunds, to Rs. 18 and there are indications that the rates would rise higher still.

MONSOON STRONG IN BIHAR

All-India Weather

POONA, June 13 (PTI): The following is the daily All-India weather summary for Tuesday.

The monsoon has been active to strong in Bihar and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and active over the rest of north-east India.

It has been weak along the west coast of the peninsula where widespread light to moderate rain has occurred. There have also been widespread thundershowers in Madhya Pradesh and local thundershowers in east Uttar Pradesh.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL Wednesday evening: Rainfall will continue to be widespread in north-east India. Widespread light to moderate rain will also occur along the west coast of the peninsula. There will be local thundershowers in east Uttar Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and coastal Andhra Desa and a few thundershowers in the rest of the peninsula, in Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch and in and near the hills of west Uttar Pradesh.

Scattered dust or thunderstorms are possible in north Rajasthan and the Punjab (Ind).

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING: Locally heavy rain is likely in Bihar, Chota Nagpur and West Bengal within the next 36 hours.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperature and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from June 1 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

OWING to restrictions for Urgent Engineering Works, timings of departures of 3 DOWN FRONTIER MAIL and 11 Down AHMEDABAD PASSENGER are being altered with effect from 15-6-50, as under:—

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Bombay Central Dep. 18-35 hours.
Delhi Arr. as at present.

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For further details please see SHEET TIME TABLES AT STATIONS.

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BOMBAY HEALTH MINISTER'S ASSURANCE

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Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Bombay's Health Minister, addressing the Bombay Legislative Assembly on 29th March 1950, said that the Izzatnagar experiment was often cited in favour of the ban on the manufacture of hydrogenated oils. He felt that the experiments had been given undue prominence. He stated that the rats were fed on a poor "Bengali diet" which consisted of 70 per cent of polished rice, five per cent of Vanaspati, and only half per cent of protein. The third generation of the rats fed on this diet was found to be blind. But, Dr. Gilder said, it was not due to "Vanaspati". It was only due to the poor diet. Even if no "Vanaspati" was used, he maintained, the rats would have certainly gone blind. He said that many people in this country could not afford to go in for pure ghee.

Government appointed scientists to examine the nutritive value of Vanaspati and their report, read out by the Hon'ble Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, before Parliament on 8th December 1949, establishes once and for all that Vanaspati is a wholesome fat.

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SHORTAGES THREATEN SURAT HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

Telegram To Industry Minister

SURAT, June 13 (PTI).

The handloom, powerloom, and jari industries of Surat, employing over a lakh of workers, have been passing through a serious crisis during the past two months, which threatens to envelop even the bigger units of the industry, writes a PTI correspondent.

Uncertain and meagre supplies of raw materials like cotton and art silk yarn, depression in jari markets, higher cost of production in the handloom and powerloom industries brought about by unhealthy speculation in raw materials, and labour troubles have contributed to the present situation.

The situation is described as "desperate" by the Surat Chamber of Commerce in a telegram to Sri Harekrishna Mahatab, the Industry and Supply Minister, now in Bombay.

During the past four months, these industries, the life breath of Surat, have not only been unable to work their full installed capacity but a large number of looms in the city and the district have closed down.

Information received from adjoining districts reveal similar conditions.

SHORTAGES

Cotton yarn shortage delivered the first big blow on the handloom and powerloom industries in this region. Government called for indents of yarn required by Surat factories. While 9,270 bales were indented for between January and May this year, only 1,215 bales have been so far allotted and 858 bales distributed amongst the 10,000 looms in the city and district.

The Vankar Sahakari Sangh and the Weavers Co-operative Society, representative bodies of Surat weavers, have represented to the Government of India that immediate help is imperative.

Presently art silk yarn shortage has affected number of units of the handloom and powerloom industry, while higher prices of this material has increased the cost of production of jari goods.

The average offtake of art silk yarn in Surat is 13 lakh lbs. per month, the city being perhaps the biggest consumer in the province. During the last importing period, January to June, Surat has not received a single quota.

It is stated there is a great demand for art silk products not only in the country but in overseas markets. Burma has very recently indented for over two lakhs yards from Surat. But higher cost of production has destroyed the overseas markets for Surat products.

Only an easy and constant flow of raw materials of requisite quality could save this home of highly artistic small scale industries.

JOINT MEASURES TO TACKLE RED MENACE

VIJAYAVADA, June 12 (PTI): A conference of officials of Madras, Hyderabad and the Central Government will be held here on June 16 to discuss and evolve effective measures for eradicating the "Communist menace" in the northern districts of Madras State and border areas of Hyderabad, it was learned today.

Mr H V R. Iyengar, Home Secretary, Government of India, Mr. J. Devasahayam, Inspector-General of Madras State Police, and Captain Nanjappa, Special Commissioner of Hyderabad are expected to participate in the deliberations

More Railmen Return To Work

KHARAGPUR, June 12 (PTI): Three hundred more workers returned to work during the past four days at the Kharagpur railway workshop, where 7,000 men went on a stay-in-strike on May 30, demanding certain special privileges.

The Railway Administration declared the strike illegal and a lock-out was announced on Wednesday last. One thousand workers joined their work on the following day. Earlier, on Tuesday last, the Kharagpur railway yard traffic staff resumed their duties.

The situation is quiet.

Kisan Rally In Monghyr

MONGHYR, June 13 (UPI): A big rally of several thousand kisans of the Monghyr district was held yesterday afternoon at village Gagurb, P. S. Sheikhpura, under the presidentship of Pandit Jadunandan Sharma, General Secretary of the Bihar State Kisan Sabha.

Pandit Sheel Bhadra Yajee, Deputy Chairman of the All-India Forward Bloc, addressing the rally explained the present national and international situation and said that India should sever all relations with the Anglo-American bloc. India's future, he said, lay in joining with the progressive Socialist countries.

Sea & Land Customs Revenue For April

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): According to the returns received in the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the total gross sea and land customs revenue collected in the Indian Union during the month of April, 1950, amounted to Rs. 7.44 lakhs. Of this import duties accounted for Rs. 5.80 lakhs, export duties for Rs. 1.37 lakhs and land customs and miscellaneous for Rs 27 lakhs.

The total gross collection of Union excise duties on motor spirit, kerosene, sugar, matches etc. amounted to Rs. 5.14 lakhs during the same month.

Amendments To Trade Pact

KARACHI, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan is expected shortly to communicate to the Government of India regarding the ratification of the amendments to the Indo-Pakistan trade agreement, it is learnt here.

'SERIOUS UNREST IN AFGHANISTAN'

Pakistan Press Reports

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, June 13: Pakistan press these days is full of all sorts of stories about Afghanistan, which could easily be termed as Anti-Afghan propaganda.

The local 'Civil and Military Gazette' has front-paged a story from its Peshawar correspondent with the heading 'Afghanistan on verge of Civil war', saying that "a serious rift that may soon develop into a sanguine and ruthless bid for power by rival groups and lead the country ultimately into a civil war is reported in the Afghan ruling clique today.

Sardar Abdul Majid Khan, the Minister for Economic Affairs, is alleged to have been summarily dismissed on charges of disruptionist activities and disloyalty to the Prime Minister, Shah Mahmood Khan Ghazi, the de facto ruler of the present-day Afghanistan.

The latter is also stated to have developed grave personal differences with his two nephews in the Cabinet—Sardar Daud Khan, the Defence Minister and Sardar Naim Khan, who have formed a separate 'rebel' group and are trying to capture power for themselves."

'Dawn,' the semi-official organ in Pakistan, is responsible for the circulation of yet another story which says that "one of the serious headaches for Kabul's ruling clique today is to control large-scale desertions from Afghan Army which steadily started mounting when the first major attempt at a coup d'etat by army personnel proved inconclusive.

The real itch for Kabul administration is that these army deserters go underground and join with democratic forces in terroristic activities and divulge valuable information about the disposition of army services and installations.

The situation is reported to have assumed such serious proportions that every minute it is feared the chaotic conditions, wrought by the follies and tyrannies of Kabul officials, may burst into an intermittent and uncontrollable civil war."

GOODWILL MISSION TO PAKISTAN

Leader's Appeal

BAHDAUL JADID, June 12. (PTI-Reuter): The Indian non-official Goodwill Mission led by Lala Bhim Sen Sachar, reached here this morning from Multan and was received at the railway station by the State Ministers, high Government officials and members of the State Muslim League and prominent citizens of Bahawalpur.

Later at a largely attended public meeting in the town hall, the leader of the Mission appealed to the people of the State to strive their best to make Liaquat-Nehru Agreement a complete success, thus helping in achievement of the solution of outstanding issues between the two countries.

He also appealed for help in recovery of abducted women and their return to their relations.

The Mission left for Hyderabad (Sind) in the afternoon.

BUDDHIST RELICS

LEH, June 13, (PTI): The sacred relics of Lord Buddha and his two principal disciples, which arrived here on May 26, left for Saspu Gumpha about sixty miles south of Leh.

During the past fortnight, the relics not only visited the monasteries in and around Leh but also Himis Gumpha, the biggest monastery in Ladakh, 25 miles north of Leh.

The programme of the party of Mahabodhi Society men accompanying the relics has been revised and the relics are expected to be in Ladakh at least for another three weeks.

Demand For Fresh Congress Panchayat Elections

NEW DELHI, June 12 (UPI): Demanding a fresh Congress panchayat election in PEPSU, and displaying placards containing slogans like "We beseech impartiality from Dr. Pattabhi", "Old and sincere Congressmen of PEPSU be reinstated", well over a hundred nationalist Sikhs and Hindus of PEPSU today took out a procession here protesting against the manner in which Congress primary elections were held recently.

Village Fight: One Dead

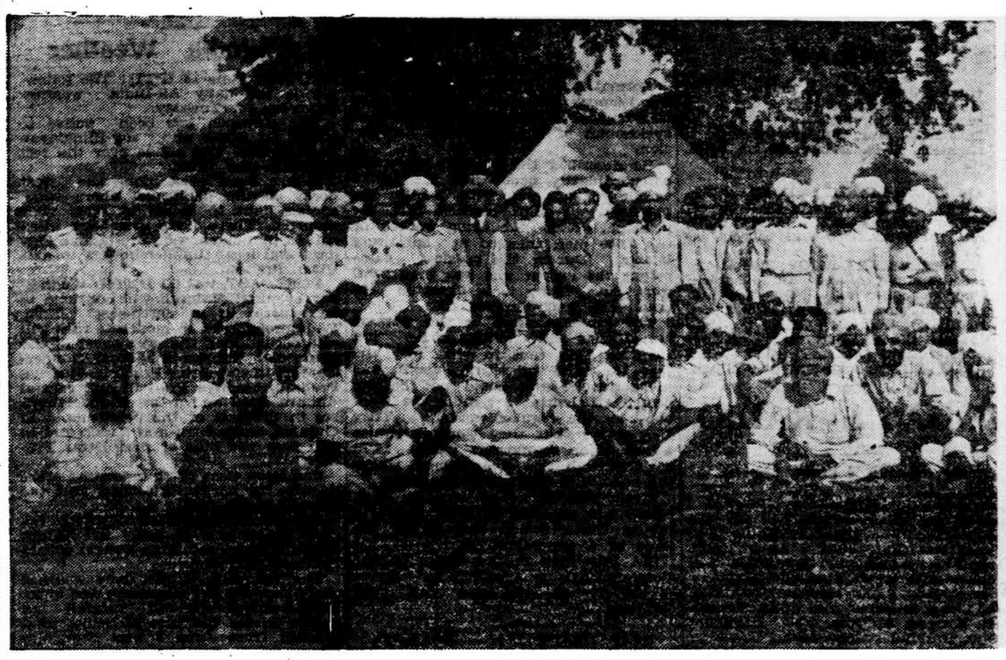
RATNAGIRI, June 13 (PTI): One villager was shot dead and two others sustained injuries in a fight during the weekend between two sali families at village Fansop, about four miles from here.

It is stated that one of the families requisitioned 25 salvis from Ratnagiri to settle certain disputes. On their arrival at Fansop, a clash ensued with the other party who fired gunshots killing one person and injuring two others.

India-Nepal Air Service

NEW DELHI, June 13. (PTI): An air service between India and Nepal will be inaugurated by the Maharaja of Nepal on June 14. The Indian National Airways have been granted a licence by the Government of India for sixty days for the operation of a weekly service from Calcutta to Khatmandu via Patna.

SIKH PILGRIMS VISIT SHRINE IN PAKISTAN



A group photograph of Sikh pilgrims who visited Dehra-Saheb Gurudwara in Lahore sometime back.

KUMAON EXPRESS DERAILMENT

Track Tampered With: Enquiry Finding

NEW DELHI, June 13. (PTI): The derailment on April 12 last of No. 10 Down Kumaon Express was caused by tampering with the track, according to the Government Inspector of Railways Circle No. 2 Calcutta, who held an enquiry into the accident.

In his report submitted to the Government, the Inspector says that two pars of fishplates were removed from the ends of a pair of rails on the approach of a girder bridge situated on a curve thus freeing the ends of the rails. The two rails were then shifted towards the inside of the curve and also secured, by spikes, in the displaced position.

The finding has been accepted by the Chief Government Inspector and the Ministries of Communications and Railways (Railway Board) says a Ministry of Communications communique.

The Kumaon Express was derailed on April 12 at Tarara Bridge at mile 241/14, between Bitroi and Kachhla stations, on the Bareilly-Kasganj section of the Oudh Tirhut Railway resulting in the death of 36 persons and injuries to 153 others.

Cholera Near Rajkot: 79 Cases In 2 Weeks

RAJKOT, June 13 (PTI): An area of eight miles around Amaran a village about forty miles from here, where cholera broke out about a week ago has been declared as cholera affected. The neighbouring towns of Dhroj and Jodia have been notified

During the two weeks ending June 10, 79 cases of cholera of which 27 proved fatal, have been reported from Amaran and nearby villages.

George Says Thanks

NEW DELHI, June 13, (PTI): In response to the President's message of birthday greetings, King George VI has sent the following message:—"I send my most sincere thanks to you and to the Government and people of India for the kind message which you have sent me on the celebration of my birthday".

Wounded Woman Dies

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (PTI).—An Indian woman who was wounded when terrorists attacked the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore Night Mail on June 6, has since died.

The woman was one of five persons injured when guerillas splattered the train with bullets in mid-Johore sometime after midnight on the 6th. She was taken off the train at Kluang and admitted to hospital there, but died subsequently.

Mulberry Cultivation: Dehra Dun Soil Suited

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): The Central Sericultural Research Station has found Dehra Dun soil the most suitable for mulberry cultivation, it is learnt here.

The research station carried out an analysis of soil samples from various parts of India and found Dehra Dun rich in nitrogen, moisture and organic matter necessary for mulberry.

The soil in Ranchi was found to require proper manuring and treatment for the growth of good mulberry.

Indonesia In I. L. O.

GENEVA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter: Indonesia was voted into membership of the state, International Labour Organisation, yesterday, Dr. Wilopo, Indonesian Labour Minister, making his country's inaugural speech at the current International Labour Conference here said. "As a sovereign state will its own national programme for the people's well being Indonesia gives first place to a higher appreciation of labour."

Patiala Jail 'Mutiny'

OFFICIAL VERSION

PATIALA, June 13 (PTI): The Inspector-General of Prisons had recommended the names of eighteen long-term convicts for release who had undergone different terms of imprisonments in the various covenant States of the Union, says a press note issued by the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Government, explaining the reasons of the recent "mutiny" in the Patiala Central Jail in which eight prisoners had lost their lives and fourteen others were wounded.

This was done in pursuance of the Government decision that prisoners who had completed fourteen years of sentence in the jails of the States Union may be released provided their conduct in the jail had been satisfactory.

Prior to the formation of the PEPSU, the press note adds, certain convicts had undergone imprisonments in the individual States for crimes committed in their territories. After the formation of the Union, it was found that certain prisoners had already completed a total period of fourteen years of imprisonment in various State prisons. They were claiming release under Section 516-B of Jail Manual even though they had not completed fourteen years in the jails in which they were at present lodged.

The press note claims that written orders for release were under issue at the time of the rioting. The Inspector-General of Police and Deputy Secretary Home Department, who were on the spot also apprised the rioters of this fact.

RESTRICTIONS ON HAJ PILGRIMS

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The Saudi Arabian Consulate in Bombay today announced certain restrictions on Haj pilgrim traffic from India "owing to the presence of cholera in India".

The announcement said: "No Haj pilgrim will be allowed from India by air: only sea pilgrims will be permitted this year.

"Transit air-passengers will be allowed to land at Dahran or Jeddah and will be subject to supervision and will not be allowed to depart from the said aerodromes. It is essential that all passengers and crew should be in possession of certificate showing that the bearer has been inoculated at least six days ahead of his departure from India and that such certificates should not be more than six months old. They should also obtain certificates showing that the bearer does not carry any germs with him."

SYNTHETIC PETROL PRODUCTION

Pilot Plant At Sibpur

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): A pilot plant for the production of synthetic petrol is being fabricated at the Bengal Engineering College, Sibpur, it is learnt here.

The college recently undertook research on production of synthetic petrol by Fischer-Tropsch Process. The preparation of the different catalysts, which is the major problem in the process, has already been started at the college and a few samples are now being tested for their activity.

Menon Talks With Attlee

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. V K. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner, had a long talk with Prime Minister Attlee at Downing Street yesterday.

NASIK CONGRESS SESSION

Reception Committee Membership Fee

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, June 13: The Secretaries of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee have issued the following circular to all the District and Taluka Congress Committee in connection with the Reception Committee members for the ensuing Nasik Sessions of the Indian National Congress.

Limited Congress workers for the Reception Committee will get entrance to attend the Nasik Sessions of the Indian National Congress and the fee would be Rs. 100 and for the qualified and effective members of the Congress the fee would be Rs. 75 only. Those who wish to attend the Congress sessions are requested to send in their fees to the Secretary, Temporary Reception Committee, 56 Sessions of the Indian National Congress Committee, Nasik.

A meeting of all the Reception Committee members will be held at Nasik in the first week of July 1950 and all the members who are enlisted as members of the Reception Committee are authorised to take part in the meeting and they are entitled for voting. In the same meeting office bearers of the Reception Committee will be elected.

REDS INFILTRATE INTO PONDICHERRY

Socialist Leader's Charge

MADRAS, June 13 (PTI): M. Edward Goubert, French India Minister, and Leader of the Socialist Party in French India, who arrived here today alleged that Indian Communists were infiltrating into Pondicherry from across the border and helping the Communists there.

M. Goubert stated that rowdyism reported in Pondicherry was caused by Communists who received support from Indian Communists.

Questioned about the proposed referendum in French India, M. Goubert said that it was a matter to be discussed at top level by the French and Indian Governments. "We are sure that the referendum will be conducted according to the provisions of international law", he added.

M. Goubert later left for Bangalore today

Rice Research In Kashmir

SRINAGAR, June 13, (PTI): It is learnt that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned the extension of rice research scheme in Kashmir to the end of March next year. The scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 15,000, half of which will be borne by the Council.

Trivandrum-Ernakulam Rail Link Survey Soon

ERNAKULAM, June 13 (PTI).

THE survey for a railway link betwween Ernakulam and Trivandrum will be undertaken very shortly after the monsoon, it is learnt here. The estimate for the survey of the line has already been prepared, and it now awaits only the sanction of the Central Government.

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Transport and Railway Minister of India, said here today referring to the need for a new rail link between Ernakulam and Trivandrum: "No political considerations will come in the way of any decision I take whether in the development of a port or construction of a railway."

The Minister, who was speaking at an after-dinner meeting of the Cochin Rotary Club, said that a final decision on the question would be based upon the merits of the issues involved.

Mr Ayyangar disagreed with the pessimistic view expressed by certain section of the people regarding the possibility of further developing the Cochin port." If we reconcile ourselves with the fact that it is in the peak of development, the facilities for dredging operations and taking the surrounding conditions and the natural region in which it is situated, Cochin has immense possibilities for being developed into a major port", he said.

Even as a mere commercial port there was possibility of its development, he added.

Mr. Ayyangar said they had a scheme to develop the major ports in India as a whole and that development was going to affect South India also. But the pace of development would depend on industrial development.

The Minister declared: "So long as I am holding office, I will take no hasty decision on questions like port development or constructinon of a railway line. I will take every opinion that is expressed, whether it is public or otherwise and the advice that I get from expert officers will prevail my mind. I will then make a report as to how the new line is to be constructed."

FOR A CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH

Mr. K. Desai's Plea

GENEVA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter). Mr. Khandubhai Desai, President of the Indian National Trade Union Congress has urged the statesmen of the world "to aim at creating a psychology which many bring into existence a co-operative commonwealth."

Addressing the International Labour Conference yesterday as Indian workers' delegate, he said: "This approach necessarily demands vision, sacrifice and discarding of the traditional notions about superiority and patronage.

"This is a task which the International Labour Organisation with its traditions of the last thirty years and its practical experience in handling socio-economic problems can rightly undertake and endeavour to solve."

Mr. Desai said India and other Asian countries were in "a much more unhappy position" than the rest of the world's nations. He said Japan was the only eastern country to show a production increase during the last four years.

NO WHEAT SOLD TO CEYLON

Canadian Government Denies Reports

OTTAWA, June 13, (PTI-Reuter): The Canadian Government has not sold any wheat or flour to Ceylon this year, a Government official said today. He was commenting on a despatch yesterday from Colombo, that Ceylon bakers had protested against the "poor quality of Canadian wheat and flour" and had asked for more Australian wheat.

"Any sale to Ceylon was done through private firms and not the Government", the official said.

He added that the Government of Ceylon had bought some flour from Canadian millers, but that to his knowledge no wheat had been sold there.

Gold Trial Put Off

PHILADELPHIA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Harry Gold, 39-year-old Philadelphia chemist accused of acting as a link between British atom spy Klaus Fuchs and Russia, yesterday heard a Federal Judge postpone indefinitely a move to transfer him to New York for immediate trial.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mrs. Kirpalani, Shri Atal with Mr. D. E. D. Wadia at a preview of his films on classical and folk dances of India shown at the Plaza, New Delhi.

NO INVITATION TO RED CHINA

Yugoslav Demand Rejected

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): An international conference to discuss technical aid to under-developed countries yesterday rejected a Yugoslav demand to invite Chinese Communist representative to attend. The demand was turned down by 26 votes to nine.

The Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia stayed away from the 66-nation conference, attended by members and non-members of the United Nations

The three-day meeting was called to find out how much money nations were prepared to pay into a pool to provide technical aid to under-developed countries.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General said in an opening address, "Many nations have something to contribute to this programme, just as many can derive benefit from it. That applies to countries in all stages of economic development."

Before the vote on the Yugoslav demand, Senor Hernan Santa Cruz of Chile was elected President of the conference He was proposed by India and supported by Italy, Egypt and Uruguay.

After the vote, the Yugoslav delegate challenged the credentials of the Korean delegate on the grounds that there were two Korean Governments. The matter was referred to the Steering Committee of the conference.

The conference unanimously elected representatives of Ceylon and Belgium as Vice-Presidents. Ceylon had been proposed by Britain.

MUSLIM MORALS IN EGYPT DECLINING

Religious Heads' Plea To King Farouk

CAIRO, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Muslem religion and morals are fast declining in Egypt, according to Al Azaar Ulemas.

The Azhar Supreme Council has petitioned King Farouk to order prompt measures to check the deterioration of religion and morals resulting from "copying foreign traditions and customs."

The Council is composed of Sheikh Maamun el Shinnawy, Rector of Islam's 1,000-year-old Al Azhar University, the Sheikhs of its three colleges and Senior Ulemas, or doctors of Sacred Law.

The Ulemas discussed the religious and moral situation in Egypt as well as the educational policy of Al Azhar and the other theological institutions, and submitted a report to the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile Premier Nahas Pasha in a circular letter to all his Cabinet Ministers has asked them to draw the attention of officials, their respective Ministries and departments to the necessity of observing the fast in the holy month of Ramzan, due to start this week. He reminds them that the fast is intended to develop the religious spirit, to strengthen morality and increase social solidarity.

Ramzan, the month during which the Prophet Mohammed had his first vision of the Koran, is the most sacred period of the Moslem year.

ISRAEL DENIES ARAB TORTURE MARCH

TEL AVIV, June 13, (PTI-Reuter): An army spokesman last night denied press reports from Amman alleging Israeli authorities drove 120 Arab men, women and children on a "torture march" across the Negev Desert.

The spokesman said that "in accordance with standard practice infiltrators were taken to a point one and a half kilometres from the border exactly opposite an Arab Legion post where the deporters could easily receive help".

Arab League Postpones Action Against Jordan

ALEXANDRIA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): The Arab League Council last night decided to refer back to its Political Committee the question of what action should be taken against Jordan, one of the seven members of the League.

The Council, from which Jordan was absent yesterday, had met to discuss Egypts demand that Jordan be pelled for incorporating Eastern Palestine without League's sanction.

Jordan Boycotting Arab League Session

AMMAN, June 11, (PTI-Reuter): The Jordan Government today decided not to attend Monday's meeting of the Arab League Council.

This decision was understood to be due to news that the agenda included a review of Jordan's recent action in incorporating Arab Palestine.

Goan's Score Seven Goals At Will

Amateurs Surprisingly Trounced In League

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Goan Sports, the basement team thus far in the First Division of the Harwood League caused a major surprise this evening when they trounced Bombay Amatuers by seven goals to nil. The spate of goals came only in the second session when half a dozen were registered.

The initial half was quite in favour of Bombay Amateurs and from the way things were going on it looked that a narrow win would come their way, but it was not to be so and the Goans against the run of play scored in the twenty-fifth minute of the initial half through Michael Fernandes when he received a pass from the left and beat the goalie from close in.

Spurred on by their solitary goal lead in the first half, the Goans exerted pressure and were commanding respect. Amateurs gradually cracked up and in the tenth minute of the second session that Michael Fernandes taking advantage of a rebound from the goalkeeper, after Rebello had tested him, sent the ball into goal with ease.

The Amateurs now began to play football that seemed to be much below form and the real crack up came in the 22nd minute when E. Mendis, the right flanksman cut in beautifully to send in a dazzling shot. He had run down to a forward pass from Rebello somewhere about midfield and the goal was disputed, the Amateurs being of the opinion that he was "offside". Referee Kunder consulted the linesman and awarded a goal rightly. This was the third goal.

Then followed a series of goals in quick succession.—Four more to be enact. Gabriel D'Costa scored the fourth from a flag kick pass from just outside the box. Two minutes later, Frank D'Souza, the right inner headed the ball past Sheenappa converting a pass from Michael Fernandes.

Rebello then took a hand in the scoring and he netted off a forward pass by Mr. Fernandes and to complete the tally E. Mendis sent in a surprise shot from about 35 yards out and a perplexed goalie was deceived by the bource to allow the ball to travel into goal to register the seventh and final goal a minute before call of time.

The teams were:

BOMBAY AMATEURS: Senappa; Sunder, N.C. Puthran, Aithappa; Nagappa, Raghu Shetty; Seshappa, V. K. Mendon, Survana, Salian, Salvador.

GOAN SPORTS CLUB: L. D'Silva; J. D'Souza, P. Vaidya; G. D'Costa, K. Vaidya, J. Coutinho; E. Mendis, F. D'Souza, E. Rebello, M. Fernandes, C. Vaz.

Referee: P. A. Kunder.

Little Pioneers trounced Federation N.C. "B" by ten goals to nil in the Summersgill Cup Football Tournament this evening at the Cooperage.

FOOTBALL AT MADRAS

MADRAS, June 13 (PTI): The replay between Hyderabad Police and Tiruchi Youngsters in the semi-final of the Jatprole Cup Football Tournament again ended in a draw here today, neither side scoring. Extra-time was played in vain.

It was a repetition of the previour encounter except that Tiruchi Youngsters made occasional sorties into the Hyderabad territory, but their forwards invariably fumbled at the all important end.

Mysore State Football Tournament

BANGALORE, June 13 (PTI): The Maharashtra Football Association from Poona drew with the Navarathan Football Club today, each side scoring twice, in the Stafford Challenge Cup Football Tournament conducted by the Mysore State Football Association.

The teams lacked in combination and understanding and kicked the ball as they liked. The encounter was tame. The home team went into lead through centre-forward Venkatesh, a minute before the changeover. Venkatesh cleanly headed an excellent pass off Susai Gowd from the right extreme into the goal.

The play improved after resumption when the visitors pressed hard. Jaganathan, right-out scored the equalise by heading a good pass from left-out Kanakraj (1-7). The visitors went into a lead in the next minute when Subrayalu, with a hefty kick, scored 25 yards from the goal off a defender's fault.

The home team after missing a couple of chances, however, scored the equaliser through centre-half Narayan Rao who netted off a free kick before close.

In the Day's Sport

G.I.P. Railway Ground, Parel
4-35 p.m. Asbestos Cement 'B' vs. Kohinoor Mills 'B' Musry Cup)
5-35 p.m Goan S.C. 'C' vs. A.C.C. (H.V.M. Cup).

St. Xavier's College Ground Parel
4-40 p.m. Wimco S.C. vs Little Pioneers "A".
5-40 p.m. Tata "A" vs Bombay City "A"

Cooperage
4-30 p.m. Lalit S.C. vs B. Band C.I. "A".
5-30 p.m. Dandi United vs Asbestos Cement (Summersgill Cup).

Suspension "Sine Die'

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Cajetan Braganza of St. Francis Goan's and Krishnan of Tatas who were concerned in some ungentlemanly behaviour in the encounter at the Cooperage on Saturday last earned the displeasure of the W.I.F.A. Committee and received their due punishment.

Cajetan Braganza was sus- was suspended for a month only pended "sine die" while Krishnan i.e. upto July 10.

POLICEMEN LUCKY TO WIN

H.V.M. Cup Soccer At Parel

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Greater Bombay Police "A" triumphed over Dockyard's junior string by the odd goal in three in the H.V.M. Cup played at the Railway ground this evening. In other match Indian Air Force accounted for the Times of India junior string by five goals to two.

Though the Police side were dominating exchanges the chances they wasted should have enable them to put-up a big score. Kakre and Salunke, however scored for the while D'Costa scored the reducer.

Times of India junior string were up against a more experienced side which relied very much on their combined efforts and this paid dividends for the Air Force men, when they won by five goals due to two goals by Bearedmore and one each by Kapur, Anthony and Fernandes The Pressmen's tally was registered by Thomas and Sitaram.

CALCUTTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): East Bengal were held to a draw by Mohammedan Sporting, each side scoring once, in the First Division Football League this evening and in the other game Mohun Bagan beat East Indian Railway by the odd goal in three.

Playing brilliant soccer on a rain-soaked ground Mohammedan Sporting just failed to beat the league champions. An unfortunate same-side goal in the sixth minute of the second half appeared to jolt them a bit but six minutes later they reached equality. Rashid, the veteran, with a glorious past appeared as centre forward and was the mainstay of the attack with his astute movements which shook East Bengal citadel frequently. The heavy ground conditions went much against the champions and they failed to settle down.

The Mohammedans broke through with the start, and in the second minute Mukerji, East Bengal Goalkeeper cleared Mohiuddin, centre half's shot which was coming with a sinister swing. East Bengal now enjoyed territorial superiority. In the seventeenth minute the Mohammedans missed a certinty, from Rashid's pass Abid dashed in but the ball flung between him and Mukerji to go at the cost of a corner. A minute later, East Bengal failed in another attempt Rashid Khan, Mohammedan right back, saving from Venkatesh with Sarfuddin beaten.

On resumption after interval East Bengal attacked relentlessly and in the first minute from Apparao, inside right, Dhanraj, East Bengal centre forward failed to beat Sarfuddin, Sayeed, left half clearing easily. Five minutes later Mohammedan Sporting scored a suicidal goal. This self-inflicted punishment did not deter Mohammedans who repelled a couple of East Bengal efforts to consolidate their position. In the twelfth minute Kannayan, Mohammedan forward back-passed to Abid who in turn gave a grand pass to Shally. The last named player sent in a stiff shot beating Mukerji completely. Four minutes after, Ahmed Khan, East Bengal inside left passed to Saleh but Rashid cleared before the later could take a kick at the goal. A couple of minutes from the end Abid headed away near the East Bengal goal.

East Indian Railway were unlucky to get beaten after having a greater share of the attacking. Mohan Bagan obtained their first goal in the 19th minute of the first half. From a Das Gupta, outside left's pass Guha Thakurta, inside right scored. In the second half Mohun Bagan pressed till the tenth minute without any further scoring A minute later Mewalal, Railway centre forward, equalised from a pass by S Ghosh, outside right In the 23rd minute Guha Thakurta again put Mohun Bagan ahead heading in neatly off A. Dass Gupta. After this all efforts at equaliser by the EIR failed.

PAKISTAN HOCKEY SIDE

The Pakistan Hockey team which arrived in Delhi last week to play a series of exhibition games was given a warm reception in the Capital. In their first match against a Delhi Hockey Association XI they prevailed by the odd goal in three. The group photo above was taken at the commencement of the first game and shows the team with Shri Shankar Prasad, Chief Commissioner of Delhi and Pakistani officials.

HONORABLE II WINS ASCOT STAKES

Rae Johnstone Rides Another Winner

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor)

ASCOT, June 13. (PTI-Reuter)

PATCHY WEATHER DID NOT PREVENT NEARLY HALF A MILLION PEOPLE ATTENDING THE OPENING OF THE ROYAL MEETING ON THE FAMOUS HEATH HERE TODAY. THEY SAW SOME WONDERFUL RACING OF AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR AFTER THE MEETING HAD BEEN STARTED BY THE TRADITIONAL DRIVE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY DOWN THE RICH GREEN COURSE IN AN OPEN COACH DRAWN BY THE BEAUTIFUL WINDSOR GREYS.

To a French-bred, but English trained horse, Honorable Second went the big race of the day, the two and a half miles Ascot Stakes.

This six-year-old son of the French sire Vatellor, owned and trained by Harry Blargave, defied the number 13 he wore on his saddle cloth to score a popular victory for the Australian Jockey Rae Johnstone.

Mr. Harry Blagrave's Honorable won the Ascot Stakes run over two and a half miles here today.

Mr. James Rank's Strathspey was second and Mr. Robin McAlpine's Royaliste third.

Twentyfive ran.

Not run: Aldborough, Sarda, Light Cavalry and Lehero.

Guerrier was fourth.

Won by: Two lengths with one and a half lengths between second and third. Runners and jockeys identical as probables.

Betting: 100 to seven against Honorable, 100 to seven Strathspey, 33 to one Royaliste, 7 to one Prionium (favourite).

Neither Ireland nor Gordon Richards had a winner. The best either of them could do was when the champion jockey riding the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, Princess Trudyjn finished second in the Queen Anne Stakes at four to one.

The Irish filly looked like winning until close home until she was punced on by the Duke of Norfolk's 20 to one shot Garriej who ridden by Australian jockey Tommy Burn ran out a two lengths winner.

The lightly weighted Kelling, a 100 to eight chance and ridden by apprentice Raymond Reader, was a comfortable winner of the Britannia Stakes over the Royal Hunt Cup of seven furlongs.

Kelling, chestnut son of Orestes, had three lengths to spare over his nearest rival the 25 to one chance Polar Jest.

Backers who had a fairly dismal time with four of the five previous winners starting at odds of over 12 to one gave a tremendous cheer as the 2,000 Guineas winner Palestine cantered home in the Saint James Place Stakes of one mile.

The grey ridden by Charlie Smirke had only three opponents but there were some doubts about his staying the stiff mile and backers were able to trade only a shade of odds on though he eventually wound up at four to seven.

Palestine won as easily as all odds on favourites should scoring by five lengths from Rising Flame.

There was a great sigh of relief from thousands of punters as it was seen that the Aga Khan's colt was going to get them out of trouble.

Ascot was as gay and as fashionable as usual. Indeed there seemed to be more men dressed in morning coats than since before the war, while the women vied with each other to produce the largest and most conspicuous hats to match their gaily coloured dresses.

Many men set something of a new fashion by wearing elaborate patterned regency waistcoats with their morning clothes.

The King, dressed in a dark grey morning suit, wore a white carnation in his button hole, the Queen was in mauve. Princess Elizabeth was in grey and Princess Margaret in sky-blue and white.

The royal meeting was televised and thousands unable to visit the Heath watched the whole day's programme on their sets.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): The following are the County Cricket results.

AT HORSHAM, Sussex beat Essex by eight wickets:

Essex 274 and 166.

John Dokes five for 33.

Sussex 363 and 81 (for two).

AT GRAVESEND: Somerset beat Kent by 103 runs:

Somerset 250 and 353 (for eight declared:)

Kent 303 and 197 (Hearn 88: Hezall 6 for 60).

AT CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University beat Free Foresters by ten wickets:

Free Foresters 74 and 341, Mallett 52: Stevenson 5 for 36.

Cambridge University 362 (for nine declared) and 54 (for no wicket).

AT WORCESTER: Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by 31 runs.

Yorkshire 238 and 247 (Coxon 57, Howorth 4 for 47).

Worcestershire 288 and 216 (E. Cooper 84, Wardle 7 for 65).

AT GLOUCESTER: Glamorgan beat Gloucestershire by 22 runs.

Glamorgan 400 and 137 (Parkhouse 88, Goddard 5 for 31).

Gloucestershire 331 and 184 (Crapp 57, McConnon 5 for 40).

AT LORDS: Middlesex beat Lancashire by 124 runs.

Middlesex 263 and 293 (Thompson 71).

Lancashire 257 and 175 (Place 51, Young 4 for 40).

AT OVAL: Surrey beat Northamptonshire by 13 runs. Surrey 221 and 265 (Clark 61).

Northamptonshire 280 and 193 (A. Btdser 5 for 63).

BLUE WIZARDS TROUNCE RIDER'S

Indian Football League

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Blue Wizards had a day at goal getting in the Second Division of the Indian Football League this evening at the College ground when they trounced Riders Sports Club by eight goals to nil. Arango and Abreo scored two each. Quinteiro G. Almeida, B. Almeida and D. Kanchan scored one each.

In the other game in the same tournament Lever Sports and State Transport shared two goals Ramaswami scored for the former in the first half, while Cabral equalized in the second session.

Sports Has Its Goodwill

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI).

As a gesture of goodwill towards Pakistan, Mr. Shankar Prasad, Chief Commissioner Delhi presented small Asoka Pillars to players and officials of the Pakistan hockey team at the house of the Pakistan High Commissioner tonight. The visitors and a number of Delhi players and officials of the Delhi Hockey Association had been invited to dinner by Mr. Mohd. Ismail, Pakistan High Commissioner in India.

PROBABLES FOR ROYAL HUNT CUP

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Following are the twenty-one probable runners and jockeys for tomorrow's Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot:

Dramatic (Rae Johnstone) Wat Tyler (Gordon Richards), Fair Judgement (E. C. Elliott), Hyperbole (A. Breasley), Welsh Honey (W. Rickaby), Burpham (T. Burn), Stormy Petrel (Eph. Smith), Grani (F. Barloa), Roman Way (N. Cave), First Consul (Edgar Britt), Meysey Hampton (S. Wragg), Kilbelin (A. Roberts), Makarpura (J. Sirett), Julian (Douglas Smith), Pierrot Gourmand (L. Piggot), Nur-Ud-Din (E. Mercer), Double Deal (H. Packham), Stacles (——), Sun Flame (R. Reader), Big Wig (T. Mahon), Merry Rose (AA).

The race is being run over seven furlongs, 155 yards.

POWERFUL COMMONWEALTH SIDE TO TOUR INDIA

MR. A.S. DeMello Chalks Up An Eight Year Programme

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): A "powerful Commonwealth cricket team has been selected to tour India this winter, Mr. A. S. De Mello, president of the Indian Cricket Control Board said here today "I have the list of players ready but cannot disclose it at this stage", he said.

The selection could only be regarded as final after the England versus Australia test teams had been chosen.

Mr. De Mello who is in London to attend the Imperial Cricket Conference commencing on June 27, said he was presenting to the conference an eight-year programme for the Inter-Commonwealth cricket which involved six Commonwealth or Empire teams visiting India between now and 1958 and four India elevens touring abroad.

The programme was as follow:—

1950-51 Commonwealth team in India,
1951-52 M.C.C. in India,
1952 India in England,
1952-53 India in the West Indies,
1953-54 Australia in India,
1954-55 New Zealand in India,
1955-56 India in Australia and New Zealand,
1957-58 England in India,
1958 India in England.
1958-59 West Indies in India.

The programme had been "very carefully worked out" and would be circulated among the Commonwealth representatives attending the cricket conference. He would also take the opportunity to meet the Commonwealth representatives and issue personal invitations to those countries.

The programme would then be submitted to the Indian Cricket Control Board for confirmation at its annual meeting on August 15.

Mr. De Mello who attended the England versus West Indies test at Old Trafford in Manchester said he had met George Duckworth there and discussed the coming tour with him. He was continuing the discussions in London.

He had also met Mr. R. K. Nunes, President of the West Indies Cricket Control Board and the Indian test cricketers Vijay Hazare and Vinoo Mankad who are at present playing in England.

"Mankad and Hazare have had a wonderful season so far and have proved a very great attraction in League matches", Mr. De Mello said.

COMBINED XI TO MEET PAKISTAN XI TODAY

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI).

Pakistan team will play against a Combined Eleven tomorrow.

The Delhi team will be selected from the following fifteen players:—

Sodhi, Gentle, Samad, Narain Singh, Jai, Mushtaq, Parshoam, Rasul, Harnam Singh, Sethi, Dass, Vishnu, Dhyan Chand, Qamar, and Habib

Punjab Pakistan Team) Dixon, Niaz Khan, and Dhurram, Burki, A. G. Khan and M. Aslam, Masud Ahmed, A. Latif, Mir, Carman, Aziz and Rahmatullah.

BURMA PREPARES TO WELCOME NEHRU

RANGOON, June 13 (PTI): With a week still to go for the Indian Prime Minister's visit, the Burmese press is already getting into its stride to accord a fitting reception to the "world famous Indian leader who is visiting for the first time since her attainment of independence".

Burma's leading newspaper "New Light of Burma" stresses that Pandit Nehru's attitude to the aspirations of Burma had always been one of deep sympathy. The paper urges everyone in Burma to "give this great leader a rousing welcome".

Success Of Worker Sportsmen

BOMBAY STATE HU-TU-TU CHAMPIONSHIP

The Labour Welfare Department of the Government of Bombay is organising a function at 6-30 p.m., on June 14, at the Naigam Labour Welfare Centre, to congratuloate the Hu-tu-tu teams of the Prabhadevi Labour Welfare Centres on their grand success in the Silver Jubilee Tournaments organised by the Sanmitra Sangh, of Poona, last month. Shri M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Industries and Labour, will preside on the occasion.

The Hu-tu-tu teams of the Prabhadevi Labour Welfare Centre, essentially consisted of workers, out-played professional players in the finals of the Tournaments to win the Open Championship Trophy of the Bombay State and also another Trophy reserved for teams with members below 110 lbs. of weight.

It may be recalled that the Volley-Ball Team of the Labour Welfare Department won the Bombay Provincial Olypmic Volley-Ball Championship in 1948 and the Hu-tu-tu team of the Kurla Labour Welfare Centre won the Dattatraya Hu-tu-tu Trophy last year. This Department has been organising various in-door and out-door games for workers since 1939, It offers industriol workers opportunities to display their talents in sports and games and also means to spend their leisure hours in recreational activities at the different Labour Welfare Centres. There are three A-Type Labour Welfare Centres in the City having extensive open grounds for out-door games and a spacious hall for conducting in-door games and other recreational programmes., such as Bhajans, Kirtans, Melas, Dramas, etc. There are also 14 C-Type and two D-Type Labour Welfare Centres in the heart of the labour localities where workers assemble in large numbers to take advantage of the amenities provided there.

Since the advent of the popular Ministry, the play-grounds of the Labour Welfare Centres have increasingly become centres of national sports and games, such as Hu-tu-tu, Atya-Patya, etc.

HEAVY FLOODS IN WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): Many villages in Midnapore district have been inundated as a result of the cyclonic storm that swept over parts of West Bengal last weekend, according to reports reaching here today.

The rivers Kaliaghai and Brahmachari, in spate due to the heavy rains, have rendered thousands destitute. Many cattle and wild animals were seen floating down the rivers.

The areas affected lie mostly under the police station of Narayangar, 70 miles from here.

The Supply Minister, Mr. N. B. Maity, and other Government officials were leaving tomorrow on an aerial tour of the storm-affected areas.

According to a communication received here from Contai (Midnapire) many families have arrived there from the sea coast areas following first news of the cyclone on Thursday.

Bangalore Race Acceptors

BANGALORE, June 13 (PTI).—Following are the acceptances for seventh day's Bangalore races to be held here on Wednesday, June 14.

The B.R.C. Plate (Div. II)—6 Furlongs.

Amorette 9-4, Puri 9-0, Countessa Neuvy 8-12, Dinna Care 8-11, Nanina 8-9, Penny Novel 8-9, Miss Pop 8-7, Motkin 7-8, Pampero 7-7.

The B.R.C. Plate (Div. I)—6 Furlongs.

Hyperior 9-4, Promtheus 8-12, Giselle 8-8, Musketeer 8-6, Ruqaiyya 8-5. Sky Hill 7-11, Harlem Day 7-9, Queenie 7-8, Count Bobby 7-8, Incitatus 7-8, Delhi Durbar 7-2.

The Jeakes Plate (Div. I)—7 Furlongs:

Pride d'Antibes 9-4, Royal Express 9-4, Tomcat 9-3, Chocolate Baby 9-2, Fireside Chat 9-1, Yearling 8-12, Par Excellence 8-12, Silver Bell 8-11, Blue Train 8-11, Legend Light 8-11, Cannon Queen 8-10, Ganga Singh 8-9, Mighty Atom 8-9, Marie Louise 8-6, Orion 8-4, Sohni 8-1.

The Madras Cup (Div. II)—One Mile Two Furlongs:

Botticelli 9-4, Oscar 9-2, V. Day 8-13, Torrent 8-12, Crescendo 8-11, Pink Flower 8-10, D.F.C. 8-9, Chrissie Darling 8-8, Turf Star 8-2, My Pleasure 8-0.

The Cauvery Plate—6 Furlongs:

Nuremberg 9-4, Vanderdale 8-11, Pankaj 8-9, Lejong 8-8, Swing Bridge 8-7, Clever Lass 8-4, Abbess 8.2, Bullrich 8-2, Nettled 8-0, Nuralia 7-10, Sea Gull 7-6, Systematic 7-5, Wing Commander 7-3.

The Jeakes Plate (Div. II)—7 Furlongs.

Arch Girl 9-4, Duke of Ramgarh 9-3, Trumpeldor 9-2, Beautiful 8-13, Down South 8-11, Willow Stream 8-11, March On 8-11, Great Lady 8-7, Courtship 8-2, Pessu Pasha 8-2, Very Little 8-1, Vagabond Queen 8-0, Nizamuddin 7-13, Plumbob 7-7, All Motor 7-4.

The Madras Cup (Div. I)—One Mile Two Furlongs.

Black and White 9-4, Naga Kanya 9-2, Kings Star 9-1, Croupier 9-0, Desert Hawk 8-10, Abdel 8-8, Triumph 8-1, Neah Ellas 7-13, Crown of Kolhapur 7-9, Gleaming 7-6.

The Belfry Plate—7 Furlongs.

Keep Smiling 9-4, Shah of Iran 9-2, Singharh 9-0, Davi Dayal 8-12, Gay Boy 8-0, The Marine 8-0, Sugar Palm 7-13, My Baby 7-3.

HINDUS AND SIKHS WELCOME IN PAK

Multan Muslims' Assurance

BAHAWALPUR(Wehtern Pakistan) June 13 (UPI): Citizens of Multan mustered strong at a public meeting held at Multan under the auspices of the City Muslim League in honour of the non-official goodwill mission niow touring Western Pakistan.

An enthusiastic gathering of nearly 20,000 shouted affirmatively in reply to a query put by Shri Bhimsen Sachar whether he could go and tell the Hindus and Sikhs in India that they could move about freely in West Pakistan.

Appealing for peace and amity between India and Pakistan, Shri Sachar said: "We stained our hands with each other's blood. These stains can be removed only by tears of penance."

Babu Sachan Singh urged for immediate recovery of abducted women.

Maulana Habibur Rahman of Ludhiana asked the Pakistanis to live up to the teachings of Islam and the Quoran as they had established Pakistan in the name of Islam.

Maulvi Abdul Ghani, General Secretary of the goodwill mission, said that their ultimate aim was to re-settle refugees in their original homes. But before it could be done, conditions of lasting peace and amity India and Pakistan had to be created.

Elaborate security arrangements made ever since the arrival of the mission in Pakistan were not made in Multan.

Sikh members of the mission mixed freely with Muslims. A large number of Meos who migrated from Gurgaon District in India came to meet Chaudhury Yaseen Khan, a Meo member of the mission. Many of them expressed a desire to go back to India.

After a day's stay, the mission left for Bahawalpur today.

Indian Delegation To Burma

RANGOON, June 13 (PTI): Mr. Gopala Reddy and Sir Alagappa Chettiar, members of the Indian delegation returned from Tauggyi today and immediately left for Mandalay by air.

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THE ISSUES INVOLVED

That the prestige of the Indian National Congress was never lower than it is these days cannot be questioned. Evidence of this is all around us. Whether one blames the Congress Governments or condemns the lethargy of the party organisation, it must be conceded that the pattern of the party after power was assumed differs fundamentally from the pattern that we thave been familiarised with for the last sixty years. There have been many striking departures—the vacillations of the Working Committee towards the R. S. S., the easy tolerance of communalism and the indifference to the problem of corruption and anti-social activities hardly neeed to be mentioned. But there are equally dangerous indications that have attracted less notice. Acharya Kripalani complained during his Presidentship of the Congress that the new Ministries at the Centre had practically dwarfed the office of President. Dr. Pattabhi Sitramayya has often in the past year set himself to co-ordinate Congress Ministry and Congress Provincial Committee in the States but with little success. Discipline within the Party is at a discount, single-mindedness of purpose in the men in office is lacking, and everyhere principles are giving ground before expedients for riding the political storm. During the last elections to the Congress Presidentship, leaders of the Congress, annoyed at rumours that they favoured one or the other candidate, came out with public statements that they were not interested in the election. In a sense other than was intended, this was tragically true. The Congress President's office, once coveted as the crown of national affection, had become a neglected ornament brought out for party occasions—in fact, even as an ornament it left much to be desired. As a transformation in the Congress, this change is symbolic. It implies that the interest not only of the political-minded but even of the leading Congressmen has shifted from the party to the Government. Once this is realized, it is easy to see the rot that has set in in the Congress party and no amount of appeals to Congress workers to concentrate on national work and turn their backs on office can have effect.

The end of 1951 will see elections to the legislatures throughout the country on the basis of adult franchise. It should be remembered that it is not the Central and State Governments that will fight these elections but the political parties, of which by far the most formidable is the Congress. The General Secretary of the Congress recently stated that he was confident of his party winning the elections. But he did not say why. The reason, however, is obvious: It will win because it is the best organised party on a nationwide scale and none of the others can be expected to put up candidates in sufficiently large numbers to give them a working majority. It will win because the Congress still carries with it the prestige of its sixty odd years of national service, even though in the three years since independence the party as such has done little to uphold those traditions. But, if we look beyond the mere winning of the elections, the Congress, unless it is radically reorganised, will be incapable of using its victory to the best purpose. In the first place, there is the election-danger of the Congress trying to outbid other parties by adapting its policies and programmes to meet the popular view by anticipation. Secondly, the scramble for office after the elections will bring the worst traits of party men to the forefront, crowding out the essential idealism of the best Congressmen. Communalism and corruption will assert themselves. And the Congress that comes into being, will be the old Congress only in name. Neither the country nor the Congress deserve this fate. It must also be borne in mind that in the coming elections many who were colleagues with Congressmen in office, will be on the opposite side. The result will be that a party government must replace the "National" Government which now holds the reins of office.

There is need, therefore, for a drastic change in the Congress organisation. It cannot begin better than with some attention amongst those who arrange these matters, to the task of choosing the best man for the office of Congress President. The President must be a man who commands the confidence of the leaders, of the party rank and file and of the country, and can be relied on to hold it during the difficult months that lie ahead. For many reasons, the name of one individual stands out as ideally fitted for the task. It is that of Rajaji. Mr. Rajagopalachari is a Congressman who has faced both opposition and popularity. He has held and relinquished the highest office in the country. He has been acclaimed by the Prime Minister as the outstanding elder statesmen of the day. Whether in office or out of it, Congressmen of all shades of political thought will find it difficult to set aside his advice. At the same time, his sagacity, political acumen and sense of proportion can be depended on to hold together the different personalities of the Congress. In a press conference, Pandit Jawaharlal remarked that his purpose in inviting Rajaji to join the Cabinet was to make him the Indian equivalent of the British Lord President of the Council, a member of the Government who was not burdened with the details of administering a department but one whose advice would be available on general policy and on matters of co-ordination. This is just the work that Mr. Rajagopalachari as Congress President will be required to do but in the wider sphere of national politics. And there can be no question of his being fitted for the work. It is possible that Mr. Rajagopalachari may have his own objections to accepting the Congress crown, but these could be overcome by a determined effort in the national interest—and nothing worth having is easily attained. We realise that the position of the Government vis-a-vis the Party is one of great delicacy. But there is no one in the Congress or outside it who has an acuter sense of this than Mr. Rajagopalachari himself. As a matter of fact, it would be a national service of the highest value if the top men in the Congress governments and in the party executives, Central and States, pledged their loyalty unreservedly to the Congress President and agreed to be guided by his advice. Such a move would not be possible with any Congress President who did not rank with the first five national leaders of the Congress. For obvious reasons, the only one of these who might be considered free of other commitments and national responsibilities today, is Rajaji. His election—it is possible that it will not be contested—will serve as the most effective proof that the Congress leadership is prepared to make the necessary adjustments for reorganising the party in fundamental way and can resist the temptation to put in the party presidentship a convenient and managable mediocrity. It will be the beginning of a new relationship between the Government, the Congress and the country, relationship which will strengthen the progressive elements in the country and place the Congress in the vanguard of the national movement.

The choice of the right man for the party presidentship is important because without it the co-ordination of the different limbs of the Congress will not be possible. Unless the Congress President is able to influence the Central Government, the State Governments and the party committees, the Congress will function as a ramshackle organisation, not as a party. Not only will the authority of the party leadership be flouted, but the growth of splinter groups will increase, groups which without attaining the stature of a rival party will yet be sources of weakness to the Congress itself. This will mean chaos for the party, for the Government and for the country. Much has been said in the past about the necessity of an opposition party for making democracy really effective. The Congress and the Congress-minded have quite a different problem to face. That is of making the Congress an effective, closely knit government party which will indicate the broad outlines of Government policy, test the work of Congress Ministries in implementing that policy from time to time, defend the policy vigorously before the country and explain it to the people, and fight the elections on the basis of past achievement and future programme. The Congress has a responsibility in this which is all the greater because there is nothing else that can replace it. In the past it has had a programme and a clear-cut policy. It must work through the elections to a return to office in a manner that will allow it the fullest scope to carry forward the traditions of the Congress, not drift into a period of confusion. And, if this is to be done, the first step has to be taken without hesitation and without doubt.

Thought For The Day

Imagination enough to conceive; Courage enough to will; Power enough to compel; if these qualities actuate a due effective majority of the population, then the future of mankind is secure.

—WILLIAM MORRIS.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

PAKISTAN, June 12: The Sind Government have passed orders to day postponing collection of land revenue on the wheat crop until further orders, as prices are going down in a buyerless market. The Premier of Sind, in an interview said, that he had taken steps to avoid producers being compelled to sell wheat for paying land assessment.

His Government had recommended to the Central Government that floor prices for wheat should immediately be fixed to avoid further deterioration in the market.

Meanwhile, the Sind Government have appointed agents at various centres to start purchasing wheat after the Central Government's decision.—P.T.I.

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Three Soviet jet fighters on Saturday fired on an American sky-master near Berlin inside the air corridor, according to report by the West German News Agency which also adds that the Soviet planes were engaged in target practice.

Then what was wrong or unnatural about the firing?

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Four Chinese including a former Nationalist Vice-Minister of Defence are reported to have been executed by a firing squad at Taipeh in Formosa for espionage on behalf of the Chinese Communists.

A big blow which is bound to have a considerable influence on the war. It cripples the communist espionage strength in Formosa down to umpteen thousand minus four.

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According to a Madras report, a five member deputation of Andhra Congressmen led by Mr. T. Prakasam has left for Delhi and Dehra Dun to meet Sardar Patel and protest against the recent stay order of the Congress President postponing the Andhra Panchayat elections.

The old man of Andhra wants too much. He had better be satisfied with what he has got away with. Let him look at the U.P. "rebels" and be thankful.

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Returning to London from his "fact finding tour" of Malaya, Mr. John Strachey, the British War Minister, has announced that the communist rising there is in no sense a national movement.

Nor, according to the people of Malaya, is it an anti-national movement.

BOOKS OF TODAY

THE GREAT NEHRUS. By J. S. Bright. Tagore Memorial Publications, Delhi. Pages 337. Price Rs. 6.
THE NAVAL DEFENCE OF INDIA. By K. B. Vaidya. Thacker & Co., Ltd., Bombay. Pages 248 Price Rs. 12/8.
THE NORWAY YEAR BOOK. Edited by Sverre Mortensen and A. Skolen. Johan Grundt Tanum. Oslo. Pages 393.
CURRENT AFFAIRS, 1950. India Pakistan and the World. Edited by A. N. Bose. A. Mukherjee & Co., Ltd., Calcutta. Pages 911. Price Rs. 8/8.
REPORT OF THE CONGRESS AGRARIAN REFORMS COMMITTEE. Published by the All-India Congress Committee. New Delhi. Pages 206. Price Rs. 5.
THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION. By Richard Deverall Free Trade Union Committe. Pages 24. Price 6 as.

"Ever since Motilal and Jawaharlal, father and son, stepped into the arena of India's fight for freedom, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, the Nehru family has kept aloft the tri-colour through thick and thin. This book deals primarily with the three great Nehrus and secondarily with other members of the family. The book is an objective study, keeps clear of the political passions and is intended to be a political psychology of permanent value and lasting interest."

It is thus that the publisher's blurb describes the second edition to "The Great Nehrus", the first edition of which was destroyed in the riots in Lahore. This edition aims at being not merely a revision but a complete overhaul of the first edition. However, although one is apt to agree with the publisher's blurb, one cannot but help feel that the sheer objectiveness, the absolute lack of the human touch and the platitudinous way of putting things is what relegates this book to the third rank. The vignette on Motilal Nehru, the father of patriotism and the first pillar of Gandhism is brief and very much more to the point than the others. The story of this peerless freedom fighter who transmuted the spineless leadership of the liberals in India is told with merit. We get an insight, too, into the Westernised House of the Nehrus towards the close of the last century and then into the peaceful retreat of Anand Bhavan.

The vast scope of the material to be covered in the case of Jawaharlal naturally makes his story much more sketchy. We see Nehru as the "Son of Success", as the political prophet, as the saviour of the I.N.A. and the true discover of India and finally as the head of the First National Government, the Constitution Maker, the champion of Gandhism and the Premier of the Indian Republic. And last, but not least, we get a glimpse of Nehru as the discoverer of America and as the voice of not only India but also of the U.N., whose roaring popularity has buttressed up the humane causes from Indonesia to Spain.

However the sketch on Vijayalakshmi Pandit is the most disappointing. How she played her part in the rank and file of the Indian National Congress and finally thrilled America as the Ambassador of India, and perhaps the first and only woman Ambassador in the world is very slightly touched upon.

The highlight of the sketch is, however, the short description of her fight in the United Nations and her championship of the suppressed and oppressed nations in the right royal traditions of her brother.

Naval Defence

Here is a non-technical book by a stuoent of naval problems. Mr. Vaidya, one of India's well known authorities on shipping subjects has as his object in writing "The Naval Defence of India" the awakening of the people of India to their need for an adequate navy to protect the extensive coast line of India. "The contents are well-drawn up and the reader is given a thorough examination of every aspect of defence—the splendid traditions of India's naval history, the hitherto untapped resources of the country for the shipbuilding industry, the excellent raw material which India's coastal folk offer for personnel, the tremendous possibilities in international commerce which an industrially advanced India holds and the paramount needs of her security are all dealt with by the author with eloquence and vigour. Though the size of the fleet which he advocates may be thought a little excessive its main thesis is sound and the book is a valuable study of defence problems. The highlight, however, are the number of excellent photographs of fighting ships and some special articles on the subject by the author himself. The style takes the warmth of the author's appeal and the book will be of particular interest to the common man.

Norway Year Book

Norway's participation in World War II, including a five-year occupation by German forces has brought about numerous new developments in her intellectual, social and economic life. These are recorded in this the fourth issue of the Norway Year Book, after an interval of nearly 12 years since the third issue. The highlight of the book is the chapter on Norway and World War II by the Chief Editor of the "Verdens Gang" describing the march of events during these fateful years.

As a year book it fulfils its purpose; as a guide book, too, to the life of one of the most progressive Scandinavian countries it is valuable. For the rest, it is divided into various sections—among them the Natural Conditions and people, history, government and administration, public instruction, social legislation and social conditions, Natural Resources and Industries, the Arts and Travel and

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

S. E. Asian Situation

Evidently General Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Secretary, is more robustly and confidently optimistic about South-East Asia than the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Speaking at Jogjakarta Pandit Nehru drew attention to "certain common trends such as Communism and other forces at work", and warned that South-East Asia is potentially "a most dangerous area" and "great conflicts might begin here which may spread to the world." General Romulo, on the other hand, airily insists that a "reviving South-East Asia will not fall prey to Communism." This is dangerous complacency, if no worse. The fact is that Asia is menaced by Communism and is also a dangerous area, where great and far-reaching conflicts may break out. This situation is due to two reasons. Colonialism is still not dead and the economic condition of the peoples of South-East Asia is still far from satisfactory. Political and economic exploitation of people by others breeds and nourishes Communism and Communism can be fought only if that double exploitation is done away with and conditions are created that are calculated to improve the standards of living. If General Romulo thinks of "reviving South-East Asia" in those terms then he is not quite wrong. But then also he must face the present situation with less complacency but with a greater sense of practical urgency,

Health Insurance

While the stage was set for implementation of the Health Insurance Scheme at the selected industrial centres, the Government of India should have been surprised, if not amused, by the demand made, all of a sudden, by the Employers' Association of Northern India for postponement of the introduction of the scheme in Kanpur. The scheme was taken in hand and finalised in consultation with industrialists. Hitherto there was no opposition to it, not even at its final stage in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation held recently at New Delhi. The reactionary attitude adopted by industry at this late hour was obviously brought about by consideration of the financial obligations which the scheme was going to impose upon employers. The scheme, since it offers the much needed relief to workmen and is calculated to inspire sense of security in them marks a progressive step towards organisation of labour in this country. In the long run it will be of advantage to industry as well, because labour with the relief afforded to it will be conducive to increase in production. What appears to be immediate loss in income in calculating employers will in a way be an investment but it is too early for them to realise this. Whatever be the attitude of the Employers' Association of Northern India, the Government, we are told, is determined to adhere to the scheme of target date in the various places. The Government should proceed with implementation of the scheme in the interest of labour.

Jail Riots

Though jails are necessary evils, a country's administration is judged by the treatment is gives to its prisoners. There was a time when the public and the press used to be greatly agitated over inferior jail diet and treatment of political prisoners but now lathi charges and firing on prisoners does not raise a protest except in a certain section of the press. This is a dangerous development and the indifference of the public may encourage authorities to be callous in their attitude to prisoners. It not only gives us a bad name as inefficient administrators but may even bring a charge of being fascists against us. During the last 12 months there have been serious riots in the jails of Nasik, Salem and Patiala, when the police and warders had to open fire on riotous mob of prisoners, resulting in deaths and injuries. The worst casualties were in the Salem Jail where, out of 222 rioting Communists, 22 were killed outright or died later of wounds, and 103 were injured. The latest disturbance was in Patiala last week when six were killed and 14 injured. In addition, there were riots in Kanpur Allahabad and Banaras which seem to have been more tactfully handled, and were quelled with fire hoses and lathis. These are unfortunate developments and require serious thought. The problem becomes complicated because in a majority of the cases Communists in jails provoked authorities to use force by their defiant attitude. It seems to have been their policy to create as many disturbances as possible to keep themselves in the limelight and pose before the public as martyrs. But even for Communists to work themselves up to a pitch of frenzy, they must have some real or imagined grievance. Otherwise their primary object of gaining public sympathy would be defeated. The case becomes further complicated when among them are many who have been detained without trial. It was thought not necessary to hold an enquiry into the Nasik Jail incident. The findings and the report on the Salem tragedy, though accepted by the Madras Government, have been suppressed so that they may not prejudice cases sub-judice. We feel that full publicity to these incidents would have greatly cleared the air and assessed the blame where it was due.

Reform Necessary

It is time the whole jail administration in our country was overhauled to suit modern times and needs. It is the job of the jailors to see that once prisoners are inside their jails they maintain discipline and order. If they allow prisoners to get out of hand it exposes their inefficiency and shows that either they are incapable of maintaining discipline or they do not have the means to do it. It is no use supporting them when they take drastic action, which only makes prisoners sullen and gives a bad name to the Government. As a contemporary points out, officials who allow a situation to get out of hand are unlikely to display a sudden accretion of intelligence and rstraint when attempting to restore it. We must train our jail officials in modern methods of prison administration and discipline by sending them abroad to visit well known prisons in Britain and the United States. A bad jail not only fails to correct prisoners but earns notoriety. Modern science and psychology has revolutionised the approach to prisoners and there is more emphasis on the human angle than on retribution. Even after this the problem of political prisoners will remain. We must strengthen our democracy to such an extent that it will not be necessary to lock up any one for holding certain political or on mere suspicion. Let us hope that the time is not far distant when public security emergency measures will not be necessary and only those politicals will be imprisoned who have been guilty of treason and sabotage.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Rationalist Or Buddhist?

Dr Ambedkar has played a leading part in framing the constitution of the Indian Republic now one of its main articles definitely states that India is a secular state.

This being the case, it ill-becomes the learned Doctor to call upon the Scheduled Castes to fall from the frying pan of one ceremonial religion Hinduism, into the fire of another organised religion, Buddhism. His clear and unmistakable duty lies in proclaiming himself a Secularist, Rationalist, or no Religionist. He should then issue a clarion call to his devoted adherents and followers not to seek the aid of the ethereal and intangible gods resting in their paradise, but to stand on their own legs, have faith in themselves and their fellow-men, and put forth their best efforts to ameliorate their own condition.

Let he hard-headed Law Member act in consonance with the rules of logic and reason rather than allow himself to be swayed by shallow sentimentalism and gushing emotionalism!

—SOHRAB A KALYAN

S.S.C. Exam. And After

The results of the S.S.C. Examination were declared on the 29th of May 1950. It was a disappointing one to all concerned. The results of the candidates who offered University subjects were in the neighbourhood of 40 and of those, who offered non-university subjects were 24 perhaps the results of the letter candidates defeating the object of the said board, are miserable. We must not keep quiet in this matter. We must find the root of this massacre.

The way these examinations are held is defective. The examinations are unable to test the real ability of the students. They encourage to cramming.

The public are under the misapprehension that the students who pass this examination are intelligent and others otherwise. This is a wrong notion. I can cite instances in which candidates of First Class calibre failing in this examination and dull students passing at the same time. So the unsuccessful candidates should not lose heart.

We cannot deny that the standard of the teacher and the taught is deteriorating day by day our institutions, where our students study for seven years, cannot impart real knowledge. They only encourage cramming.

I am pained to note that S.S.C. Board has changed the syllabus completely. According to the new one they shall have to appear for eight papers of hundred marks each. The board has discontinued the system of combined papers. Students now shall have to score at least 35 marks for every subject. This will put heavy strain on students.

—RANGANATH R. JANGI

Lowering Cost Of Production

Shri A. D. Shroff in his speech at the Annual General Meeting of the New India Assurance Co. Ltd. held on 8th instant, suggested four steps to better the results of the Company under review. If the very suggestions with slight technical changes in wordings as under are put in operation there would be, I believe, a round lower cost of production, as envisaged by Shri A. D. Shroff "step by step reduce the rates" and resultant lower cost of living much needed in these hard days of hand to mouth living:

(1) Complete observance of the provisions of the Act (Companies' Act without taking any advantage of the loopholes in the existing Law) so as to stop illicit exacting money both in white and black form by payment of commission on purchases of machinery, raw materials and other requirements of compenies and/or on sales of finished and semi-finished articles, old machinery etc.

(2) Bringing down management cost by curtailing management expenses including lowering down the Managing Agents' commission to 2-1/2 to 5 per cent and fixing a ceiling or to remove the Managing Agents in toto as in the cases of Bank and insurance companies.

(3) Bringing all industries to a sound basis by building up reserves only for precaution against hard times and using them only to maintain the prices low particularly when essential raw materials prices go up, as in the case of cotton at present, and NOT to fritter away the same in excessive payments of dividends and bonus shares as has been done hitherto.

It is hoped that immediate action would be taken by the interests concerned and thus help to bring down the cost of living so badly essential.

—NATVARLAL BATILAL.

Pre-requisite Conditions Of Democracy

Article 13 of the Constitution of India, makes all Central and State Laws, which include Ordinance, Order Bye-law, Rule Regulation, Notification, Custom or Usage, void, which are inconstant with the provisions of Part III of the Constitution of India, to the extent of their inconsistency.

There are certain Fundamental rights, provided by the Constitution of India, which are as under:—

Right to equality, Right to freedom of speech and expression, to assemble peaceably and without arms, to form associations and Unions, to move freely all throughout the country, to reside and settle anywhere in the country, to acquire, hold and despose of property and to practise any profession, or to carry on any occupation trade or business, with such restriction as may be reasonably imposed by Central or State Governments, Right to freedom of religion, Right to cultural and educational rights, Right to property, and Right to constitutional remedies.

All these rights are fundamental rights conferred upon all citizens without any distinction of caste, creed, religion or sex.

Several of the Central Laws and State laws become void by the provisions above-referred to in the Constitution, but owing to ignorance and poverty of the masses at large, it is only few of the people of the Society, rich enough to have the luxury of litigation can have justiciably decided in their favour, whenever the question of any law being void or not arose. In order to set at rest the controversies that might arise and make people really exercise these Fundamental rights, it is absolutely essential that the Central and State Governments should appoint Law Commissions of persons with very high Law careers, to scrutinise provisions of all laws in force, and delete all void provisions or the laws so as to remove the inconsistencies, so that the people might become conscious of their fundamental rights and exercise them without fear of any kind.

In order that the people at large can really appreciate the efficient working of the Democracy, their consciousness of such Fundamental rights and social and economic rights which any civilised State is bound to protect, must be well cultivated. It becomes a duty, in a country like ours, with an experiment of governing an infant democracy, of all educated and conscious people to first create as much consciousness of the people as possible, so that the pre-requisite conditions of Democracy may be first created, before Democracy may successfully work

—M G. PARIKH.

WOMEN MUST THROW THEIR WEIGHT TO BUILD PEACE

Mrs. Pandit Calls For Personal Sacrifice If Necessary

POUGHEEPSIE, New York, June 13. (PTI-Reuter). MRS VIJAYALAKSHMI PANDIT, India's Ambassador to the United States, urged members of the graduating class at Vassar (women's) College here to help build up world conditions that would lead to peace.

"Our voices must be raised more frequently," she said, in defence of women's privileges and our human rights and through our own will to serve we must prove our ability to contribute to the formation of national and international policies.

"It is not enough that opportunities should exist. They must be utilised fully in the wider interest and at personal sacrifice if necessary".

"Women fought to win the war," Mrs. Pandit said. "We must now throw in our weight to achieve the conditions which are a pre-requisite to peace.

"You who are leaving this institution of learning are well equipped for this because your education should have given you the idealism and vitality which this task requires."

Mrs. Pandit spoke to 2,000 relatives and friends of the graduates in the college outdoor theatre where commencement ceremonies were held under perfect weather conditions.

A PLEDGE

Miss Sarah Gibson Blanding President of the College, introduced Mrs. Pandit, who wore academic robes over her sari.

The latter part of Mrs. Pandit's speech pledged that India would continue the non-aggression policy shaped by the ancient Emperor Ashok and by Mahatma Gandhi. She stressed also the importance of the countries of South-East Asia in the world situation today.

"Today old traditions and the common need," she said, "have brought these countries together in an association stronger than any formal pact or alliance. India because of her geographical position and because of the greater stability of her Government, is the pivot of this area, just as this whole vast region is becoming the pivot of the world.

"Security for the future of Asia depends largely on India's economic and political stability.

"The challenge can be met effectively through the application of science and by enlightened political leadership based on sound moral principles.

"It will be your principle as well as your responsibility, to help create conditions for the new world order. I can think of no greater adventure.

Government Has No Preconceived Ideas

MAHATAB ON THE ISSUE OF TEXTILE CONTROL

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

MR. HAREKRISHNA MAHATAB, Industry and Supplies Minister, Government of India, told the members of the Textile Advisory Committee today that Government had no preconceived ideas in the matter of easing the present cotton and textile situation in the country, and they would be too willing to be guided by the collective judgment of all interests concerned.

Among those present at the meeting were Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai, Mr. Kasturchand Lalbhai, Sir Vithal Chandavarkar, Mr. Neville Wadia and other members of the Committee. Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies, Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, and Mr. M. M. Naik-Nimbalkar, Labour Minister, were present by special invitation. The Government of India was represented by Mr. S A. Venkatraman, Secretary, Ministry of Supplies, Mr. A. R. Roy, Joint Secretary, Finance Ministry and Mr. Kaul, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Mahatab who presided over the meeting explained at the outset the present textile and cotton situation in the country and mentioned various alternatives for easing it.

CONFLICTING VIEWS

Subsequently, the discussion centred on the question of Government's future policy regarding cotton, members expressing various conflicting opinions. While some advocated complete decontrol of cotton others suggested complete control including control on "kapas".

It was suggested by some members that the most effective way of stabilizing cotton prices at any particular level was to organise collective bargaining by associations.

Accordingly, a sub-committee was appointed to examine the details of this question. The report of this sub-committee along with certain other items will be taken up for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Wednesday.

Upward Revision Of Jarilla Prices?

The Government of India are expected to take a decision in favour of an upward revision of prices of jarilla cotton on return to Delhi of Mr. Haredustry and Supply, Government of India, it is learnt.

The increase, it is believed, would be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 25 percent over the current control price, which is fixed at Rs. 620 per candy. Mr. Mahatab had prolonged discussions this morning with representatives of the East India Cotton Association, of the Bombay and Indore Millowners' Associations, the Saurashtra Millowners' Association and the representatives of the Gujerat Mills and Industries.

It is understood that, in the main, talks centred on an increase in the jarilla variety of cotton in which forward trading is permitted under the Bombay Cotton Control Act, 1948. The East India Cotton Association—represented by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta and Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand—is understood to have put forward the view that the price of jarilla cotton should be fixed at Rs. 850 per candy in order to restore the effective function of the cotton market, which is behaving very erratically at present because of the control prices of cotton. This upward revision, they are understood to have told the Minister, would also facilitate private employment of a number of people.

IMPARTIAL ENQUIRY URGED

The UPI adds:

An impartial and judicial inquiry by the Tariff Board into the present cotton and cloth situation in the country with a view to revising their prices and deciding on the necessity or otherwise of control on both, was suggested by a three-man delegation of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, when it met Shri J Harekrishna Mahatab today.

The Delegation, which represented the textile labourers' point of view to the Minister, also suggested that "kapas" should be controlled to bring down the pieces of cotton and cotton textiles, and the prices of "kapas" should be in parity with the food prices. As an incentive, however, to the cultivators, the Delegation said, a small margin of five per cent should be allowed over the food prices.

Referring to the last inquiry of the Tariff Board into the cotton and cotton textiles position in the country, the Delegation pointed out that a profit of one rupee four annas per loom per day was allowed to the millowners, and if the millowners could show that they had not been able to secure that margin of profit, then only there would be justification of an upward revision of the prices of cotton and cloth.

With regard to the mounting unemployment in the textile industry due to the closure of mills, the Delegation suggested to the Minister that those units which could use foreign cotton should not be allowed to use Indian cotton. In order to adjust the industry to the 30 per cent shortage in available cotton, the quantity should be equally distributed among the mills and the hours of work should be reduced uniformly to avoid unemployment.

KHARAGPUR STRIKE CALLED OFF

KHARAGPUR, June 13 (UPI): The 16-day old strike by railway workshop employees here has been called off.

It is stated that the demands of the employees, as presented to the administration by the Union have been met satisfactorily, as far as possible in the circumstances.

There were long standing grievances and the strike was resorted to on May 26 last as a protest against the arrest of seven railwaymen for having brought some rice form an outside market.

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MORE MEN OUT OF JOBS

Government's Priority Plan For Re-Employment

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI):

RETRENCHED Government personnel will get the highest preference in the matter of appointments, next only to permanent displaced Government servants, according to the latest arrangements made by the Government of India.

While no exact up-to-date figures of retrenched government personnel are available, according to the monthly abstract of statistics published in April 1950, the total discharges from government service in the whole of India was 22,392 in January this year and 11,714 in February.

Strict instructions are understood to have been issued recently by the Ministry of Home Affairs to all Central Government offices that the channels of recruitment and the order of priority prescribed should be carefully observed by all appointing authorities, and that no recruitment should be made except after consultation with the Home Ministry and the employment exchanges. All vacancies in Central Government establishments, except those in the Eastern Zone are to be notified to the local employment exchanges as well as to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Special Employment Bureau, Ministry of Labour. No vacancy is to be filled by direct recruitment unless these offices certify that they are unable to supply suitable candidates.

AGE LIMIT

Although no general relaxation has been made of the educational qualifications normally prescribed for recruitment, the conditions regarding maximum age have been slightly relaxed in the case of retrenched Central Government employees. It has been decided that for appointments made otherwise than on the basis of open competitive tests held by the Union Public Service Commission, the period of a retrenched Central Government employee's previous service should be deducted from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the prescribed maximum age-limit by more than three years, he should be deemed to satisfy the conditions for appointment to the post in question in respect of the maximum age.

This concession will apply to any person who was employed under the Central Government for a continuous period of not less than six months and who was discharged because of retrenchment not more than three years before the date of his registration at an employment exchange or of application otherwise for employment under the Government of India. The retrenched employee is required to produce a certificate from the last office to this effect.

It is learnt that these instructions have been issued as the question of reemployment of persons retrenched by the Industry and Supply Ministry in Delhi has been acute.

Increase In Wheat Ration In Indore

INDORE, June 13. (UPI): The monthly quantity of wheat ration has been increased from eight seers to ten seers per head in the cities of Indore, Gwalior, Ujjain, Ratlam, Dhar and Mhow Contonment by the Food Department of Madhya Bharat.

A provision is also being made from July 1 to allow people to draw monthly ration instead of fortnightly as at present.

COCHIN JEWS FOR ISRAEL

"Gandhi Colony" To Be Established

MADRAS, June 13 (PTI): About 20 Jewish families from Cochin, one of the important Jewish settlements in South India, have left for Israel to settle down there, spokesman of the Jewish community in Cochin said in an interview here today.

These emigrant Jews from India, he said, had been allotted a separate area for settlement, which they proposed to name 'Gandhi Colony' after the name of Mahatma Gandhi.

"It is the intention of these Jewish emigrants to revive cordial relationship between Israel and India, a relationship which existed even during the time of King Solomon", he said.

Jews migrated to Cochin in 70 A.D. and there are at present more than 2,000 Jews in the Cochin-Travancore Union.

Nominations For Bye-Elections

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Only two nominations, on behalf of Mr. L. A. Halsall and Mr. E. L. C. Gwilt, were filed yesterday, the last day for filing nominations to the by-elections to the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the Bombay Traders Association and the Anglo-Indian constituencies.

Today, June 13, was the last day for the withdrawal of nominations.

Mr. Halsall and Mr. Gwilt are expected to be declared elected unopposed.

Suburban District Congress Committee

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Nominations for the 3 seats in Bombay Suburban District Committee for the delegates' election will be received by the Returning Officer in the office of the Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, on Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nomination forms and other relevant information are available in the District Office.

Congress By-Election In 'E' Ward

Polling for the election being contested in Haji Bunder panchayat in Ghoogapdeo Taluka, 'E' Ward, will take place today, (Wednesday June 14) at the office of the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh, Haji Bunder; between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Twenty candidates are contesting for eight seats.

CLOVE MERCHANTS' APPEAL

Shri D. B. Doshi, President and the Board of Directors of Bombay Clove Merchants' Association have issued an appeal calling upon all its members to support the Congress candidate, Shri Purshottam Thakkar at the ensuing Municipal by-election from Mandvi Ward, to be held on June 20.

Books Of Today

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Sports—a particularly interesting section that serves to highlight life in the mountainous country of Norway with is fiords and its valleys.

Of particular interest too, to all educationists is the detailed description of the Educational and public Health systems of this the most progressive of all Scandinavian countries—no country has accorded to its elementary schools a more fundamental place in the whole educational life of the nation than Norway. The Health Council is doubtless also a specifically Norwegian institution to arouse public interest and to give the people influence upon the settlement of local hygiene questions. The articles are well documented, being contributed by Central Bureaux and State Directorates.

Current Affairs

This, second volume of Current Affairs for the year 1950, upholds the traditions of the first which aimed at not being a mere catalogue of the facts and figures of the year, nor an exhaustive encyclopaedia, but a handy reference book to Current Affairs in India, Pakistan and the world, in different spheres—political, cultural, commercial, economic and scientific. All the chapters have been either rewritten or thoroughly revised so as to incorporate new developments and facts, while much information which appeared in the first volume has not been repeated. The presentation, too, is a bit more scientific and ordered. Particularly outstanding is the first chapter giving a world political review. There are interesting notes on the Press, Art and Literature, Economic Survey and A World Gazeter, as in the former education. In the India and Pakistan section the Constitutional Director is enlarged. So too are the economic and political reviews. There are special new chapters on Education and on the relationship between India and Pakistan. Among the outstanding new writers in addition to the old are Monica Sen and Asoke Banerji. However, the statistical tables and the maps still continue to be the outstanding feature.

Agrarian Reforms

The Agrarian Reforms Committee which was first formed two years ago on the suggestion of the Revenue Minister's Conference had as its object recommendations about agrarian reforms arising out of the abolition of the Zamindari system and in the light of conditions prevailing in the different provinces. Its first hand tour of the different provinces and its recommendations on subjects like co-operative farming and methods of improving agricultural production, position of small holdings, sub-tenants and landless labourers, and generally on the improvement of the conditions of the agricultural rural population are all embodied together in this report. The general stress throughout the recommendations seems to be on the individual and the fact that in the agrarian economy of India the land must belong to the tiller, and that there is no place for intermediaries; although, of course, co-operative and collective type of farming should be encouraged. The entire report is well-documented, being a result of first hand local enquiry.

Free Trade Unions

In this pamphlet are incorporated some of the views of the Free Trade Union Committee—an organisation sponsored by the American Federation of Labour, so that all free workers may counsel one another and may build free and democratic trade unions the world over. Taking his standpoint on the fact that the Trade Union is the strong child of the Democratic Revolution, the author proceeds to show now participation in the affairs of the union teaches its members to learn to respect the right of others. Freedom from Government interference as well as from any partisan political programme are laid down as the cornerstone of all Trade Unions. For the rest the pamphlet is chiefly concerned with laying down the lines a true Trade Union should follow to help solve the problems of workers the world over.

CHINA'S CLAIM ON TIBET

Will Nehru Effect A Reconciliation?

LONDON, June 13. (PTI-Reuter): The "Times" said today Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru might well succeed "where a western statesman would almost certainly fail" in reconciling "through a friendly understanding" the opposing points of view on the Peking Government's claim on Tibet.

"The relations between India and China are noticeably cordial" the "Times" noted.

"Mr. Nehru while supporting Tibet's claim to self-government recognises that China is entitled to a vague sort of suzerainty over her".

The paper recalled that "a few weeks ago, Peking formally offered Tibet regional autonomy if she would associate herself peacefully with China and invited Lhasa to send a mission with full negotiating powers to conclude an amicable agreement".

It continued: "Since the Dalai Lama is also anxious to come to terms with the People's Government of China provided that Tibetan autonomy is respected, discussions may be expected to begin before long.

"It is in the interest of India that these talks should succeed, and the Delhi Government may be able to help them forward".

Reduction In Madras Rice Ration Likely

MADRAS, June 13. (PTI): The Madras Government are considering the question of reducing the rice content of the ration from 8 oz. to 7 oz. in view of the present shortage of food grains in the State, an official of the Civil Supplies Department stated today.

The present overall ration per adult is 12 oz. made up of 8 oz. rice, 2 oz. wheat and 2 oz. millets.

The final decision on this proposed reduction will be taken by Government after ascertaining the views of the Provincial Food Advisory Council which meets here tomorrow.

The official said Government had already encroached upon their "buffer stock" of food grains, which would only last about six weeks, based on the present off-take.

SHILLONG REFUGEE CAMPS FLOODED

SHILLONG, June 13. (PTI): About 800 refugees had to be evacuated when their camps on Jail Road here were flooded by rain water last night. Shillong and entire Khasi and Jaintia hills were experiencing an unusually heavy downpour accompanied by gusts of wind for the past 24 hours.

Reports reaching here from other hill sattions indicated that there had been widespread rainfall in Assam hills during the last few days. Heavy floods were feared in the course of next few days in parts of Assam valley, Cachar and Tripura and in Eastern Pakistan when the rainwater, accumulated in Assam hills, travels down the plains through different rivers.

Considerable damage has already been done to standing crops by the heavy rain.

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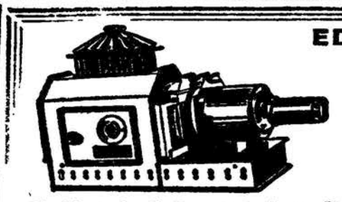

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ANCIENT INDIAN LITERATURE AND FORESTS

NEW DELHI, June 13.

INDIAN literature is replete with instances of the reverence and consideration which our forbears paid to trees, and worship of trees is still an old tribal or village custom. The call that has gone forth therefore to celebrate the Vana Mahotsava—or the Festival of Green Glory—as an annual National Festival is but a hearkening back to the message that appears in countless forms in India's ancient texts.

The love of trees lies deep in Indian religious tradition. References to woods and forests abound in ancient Indian literature, and trees and flowers appear in myriad patterns in India's sculptures and paintings.

Traces of the civilisation of the Indus Valley, one of the earliest known to history, show the regard and affection which these inhabitants of the third millenium B.C. had for trees Perhaps the most common design which appears on their burial pottery is the decorative pattern of pipal leaves done in black against a red background.

One of their state emblems depicts a slender tree with drooping branches executed in terra cotta, and another shows a tiger hungrily watching a man perched warily upon the branch of a tall tree.

ARYANS SING PRAISES

With the coming of the proud and sensitive Aryan invaders, there is an outburst of rugged poetry which conveys the wonder and awe that inspired the newcomers in their new home. The bards of the Vedas sing of mountain and river, thunder and lightning, the fierce storm, the lovely dawn and the cooling stream, of the trees and forests. A hymn in the Rigveda, dedicated to the Sylvan Goddess, is remarkable alike for the beauty of its language and the sense of its oneness with nature.

The Aryans used wooden ploughs with sharp ends and smooth handles, which were made from the trees in the forests. There are frequent references to wooden ploughs and chariots made from the Asvattha (Ficus religiosa) and the Nyagrodha (Ficus indica) trees.

Mention must be made of the Aranyakas—sacred works of such import that they were to be read only in the cool and undisturbed recesses of a forest.

The background of the Ramayana and Mahabharata are forests, where dwelt demons and rakshasas, as well as the birds, and bashful deer. The Mahabharata records the burning of the Khandave forest, and the Ramayana describes the charm of the Panchvati forest.

The Puranas are replete with description of the glory of trees, of the blessings that come from planting them and the evils that befall those who destroy them.

The Agni Purana enjoins the house builder: "Plaksas should be planted to the north of a dwelling house, the Vatas on the east, Mangoes on the south, Aswattha on the West. Thorny shrubs should be so planted as to form the southern boundary of a house. The flower garden should be laid out adjoining a dwelling house, and flower plants or sesame should be cultivated therein."

The same Purana emphasises equally the worship of trees: The man who plants trees for the enjoyment of the public obtains obsolute bliss. The planter of trees gives liberation to 30,000 of his past and future 'Pitaris' (ancestors). The Matsya Purana says: "To dig 10 wells is equal in merit to digging one pond. Digging of 10 ponds was equal to making a lake. Making of 10 lakes was as meritorious as begetting a virtuous son, but begetting 10 virtuous sons had the same effect as that of planting a single tree."

GREEKS ASTONISHED

Lord Buddha attained his enlightenment under a Bo tree within a deer forest. This is a never ending theme of Buddhist art and literature. Alexander and the Greeks expressed astonishment at the mighty Banyan trees they saw in India. Emperor Asoka's edicts refer to tree-plantation as one of the main acts of piety performed by the Emperor-Saint: "On the roads both wells have been dug and trees have been planted for the enjoyment of both man and beast." Again: "On the roads I have had Banyan trees planted to give shade to men and beasts; I have had groves of mango trees planted;..."

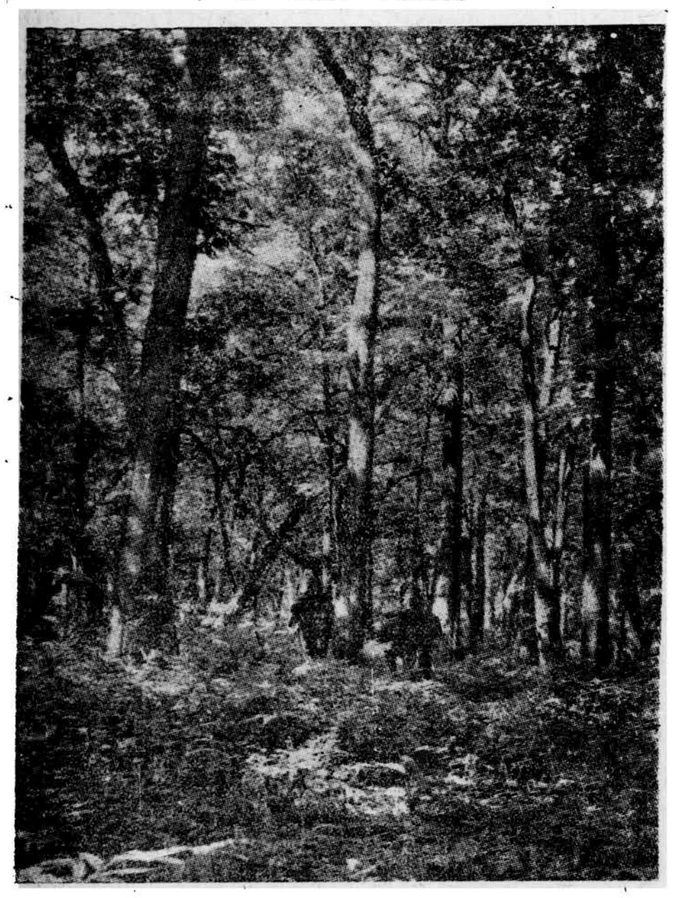
The immortal Kalidas reveals his deep love of forests in "Shakuntala". The child of an angel, Kalidas's gentle heroine is nurtured amid the serene and lovely atmosphere of a 'tapovana' or Wood of Meditation; here she grows up amid the delicate loveliness of the flowers, the trustful innocence of the friendly gazelles, and the awesome majesty of the wooded trees.

Says another immortal bard, Rabindranath Tagore, "Shakuntala is as a limb of the Wood. If we separate her from the Wood, not only is the integrity of the plot ruptured, but Shakuntala herself remains incomplete.... Her nature bears the impress of the forest's deep shadow, and the loveliness of the blossoms of the Madhavi's laden branches, and the guileless companionship of bird and beat. Kalidas has not described his Wood in isolation, but has woven it into the very warp and woof of the character of his heroine."

The noblest and best in Indian culture was born in the Ashrams and Tapovana all over the country where Rishis lived drawing strength from their self-discipline and the majesty of the forests. Our race memory is intertwined with the beauties of Nandanvana and the tragic atmosphere of Ashokvana where Sita, the noblest of women, reached the dazzling heights of faith and fidelity which have shone undimmed through the centuries. Lastly it was in Vrindavan where Lord Krishna gave us his message of Life Eternal.

A Harappa seal with tree motif

A Teak Forest



INCREASING RICE PRODUCTION

Experiments For Better Seeds

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): To step up rice yield, the Central Rice Research Institute has undertaken an intensive programme of Hybridisation and for this purpose has obtained about 1,500 hybrid seeds.

Short duration rice varietes from China, Japan and Russia were tested against local varieties of similar duration and three Chinese varieties having white kernel and satisfactory size and shape have been selected for distribution.

The relative efficiency of various nitrogenous fertilizers was also tested by the Institute.

Ammonium sulphate was found to give the highest yield while the yields obtained with ammonium nitrate and urea compared favourably. The latter have been recommended for use as alternatives.

It was found that 1 lbs. per acre would be the economic dosage of nitrogen manure.

Green manure was also found to give increased yield.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

Madras Order Challenged

MADRAS, June 13 (UPI): Mr. Justice Basheer Ahmed Syeed today posted to July 10 for orders by the Chief Justice, the petition filed by Shrimathi Champakam Dorairajan, questioning the validity of the Madras Government order relating to admission of students to the Medical College.

Earlier the Advocate-General, appearing for the State of Madras wanted two weeks' time for filing a counter-affidavit.

In the course of his order, His Lordship said that the petition raised a very important question, namely "whether it is within the competence of the State to ration out seats in the Madras Medical College according to certain policies and principles which have been hitherto in practice. This practice involves the power of judicial review by courts of facts done by Government.

"The question seems to be as to whether it is or it is not a violation of Section 15 of the Constitution Act and as to whether it is discrimination or not. The question may be decided by the Chief Justice. as to whether it is discrimination or not will have to be decided once for all. I, therefore, think that in addition to giving time to the Advocate-General for filing counter-affidavit on behalf of the State, it is desirable that the matter should be decided by a bench or full bench of this court as may be decided.

MILITARY ADVISER TO KASHMIR MEDIATOR

General Hodges Appointed

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of United Nations, yesterday announced the appointment of General Courtney H. Hodges, United States Army, retired, as Military Adviser to Sir Owen Dixon, United Nations representative in Kashmir.

General Hodges, whose home is in San Antonio, Texas, will arrive next Wednesday, at Lake Success for consultations before assuming his post.

In the second world war, General Hodges was First Deputy Commander to General Omar N. Bradley, Commanding General of the First Army.

After D. Day, General Hodges became Commander of the First Army and under his command the First Army was the first unit to land in Normandy, to break through at St Lo and to liberate Paris.

General Hodges's First Army was also the first to make contact with units of the Soviet Army in Germany.

Dixon For Poonch

SRINAGAR, June 13 (PTI): Sir Owen Dixon, United Nations Mediator on Kashmir, left Srinagar for Poonch early this morning by a special Indian Air Force plane. He was accompanied by Brigadier H.H. Angle, Chief United Nations Military Adviser, and other members of his staff.

He will visit the Indo-Pakistan border in that sector for one day and will cross the cease-fire line over to the "Azad Kashmir" territory. After a day's tour of the "Azad" territory, he is expected to be back in Srinagar on the afternoon of Friday, June 16.

Parliamentary Proceedings Here After In Hindi

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): The Hindi version of the entire Parliamentary proceedings will also hereafter be printed and made available to the public. So far the proceedings were only being printed in English excepting the speeches of members delivered in Hindi and the questions and answers put or answered in Hindi.

The translation of the Parliament proceedings has already commenced and printing arrangements are also being made to put through this work as early as possible.

HARTAL LIKELY IN NAGPUR

Cloth Merchants' Protest

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, June 13.

Cloth yarn merchant shere are contemplating a protest hartal against what they call the Government's "weak policy" towards the State co-operative societies who, according to the Government order, are not authorised to sell yarn and cloth to the co-operative societies affiliated to them. The merchants complain that the co-operative societies by selling yarn to their affiliated bodies are indulging in blackmarketing.

It may be recalled that the State Government had fixed a quota of 33 per cent of cloth and yarn produced by the mills in the state to co-operative societies.

When the merchants' delegation waited on the Supplies Minister, he expressed surprise as to how the Government order came to be issued without his knowledge. He said he knew nothing about the order.

The Nagpur Cloth and Yarn Merchants' Association have drawn the attention of the Central Government towards the attitude of the State Government.

MEETING MILK SHORTAGE

Better Breed Of Cows Developed

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): To meet shortage of milk the Indian Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore, is making efforts to evolve pure Sindhi and Gir herds with high milk yield.

Following a breeding policy based on proper selection of bulls, the Institute claims to have attained a considerable increase in milk yield and reduced the average dry period.

Other work at present in progress at the Institute includes a study of the bacteria present in milk which leads to its spoilage, with a view to evolving control measures, and a study of the composition of milk and milk products so that any adulteration, particularly of ghee with vanaspati, may be detected.

The Dairy Technology Section of the Institute is reportedly studying the problem of preventing spoilage of milk before delivery, caused mainly by use of unclean utensils.

WOULDN'T HESITATE TO ACCOMMODATE REDS

Sabha Leader's Anxiety For Opposition Party

LUCKNOW, June 12 (PTI): Mahant Digvijay Nath, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, declared here today that he would not hesitate to combine all "anti-Congress elements including even the Communists," to oust the Congress from power.

He told a press conference: "there is strong need of an opposition pary in the Central and State Legislatures for the smooth working of democracy."

Mahant Digvijay Nath said that the Indian National Congress must now come out with a definite and revised policy which would fit into the present political set up.

FUNDS FOR CONGRESS SESSION

Committee To Review Work Done

NASIK, June 13 (PTI): Mr. Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress, will attend the meeting of the provisional Reception Committee of the Congress session scheduled for June 15, it is learnt.

The Committee which is expected to finalise the plans of "Gandhi Nagar" at this meeting will also review the work done by each district for the collection of funds for the Congress session.

The dates of the Congress session is a subject of correspondence between the AICC Office and the Reception Committee it is learnt. It is likely that the Committee may fix up provisional dates in consultation with Mr. Deo.

CRISIS IN SIND WHEAT PRICES

KARACHI, June 13. (PTI-Reuter): The recent crisis in wheat prices in Sind is not likely to be resolved before June 19, when Pakistan's Food Minister, Mr. Abdus Sattar Pirzada, is expected to return to Karachi from his tour of Nathiagali and Kaghan Valley, it was learned here today.

Kazi Fazlullah, Sind Premier, revealed that there was "an offer" for the purchase of about 30,000 tons of Sind's wheat at the rate of Rs. 10 per maund in exchange of textile and sugar. He however, added that no decision would be taken in this respect until the Central Government's wheat policy was known.

It was stated that foodgrains worth about rupees three crores were already in the Sind Government's store.

Industrial Dispute

The industrial dispute between the the Messrs. Narrandas Manordas Precious Metal Refinery Bombay and its workers has been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri Salim M. Merchant.

IMPLEMENTING THE DELHI PACT

Pakistan Sincere, Says Bhimsen Sachar

MULTAN (Pakistan), June 13 (PTI-Reuter): The leader of the Indian Goodwill Mission, Lala Bhimsen Sachar, declared here last night that he and his companions were fully convinced of sincerity and determination of the people and Government of Pakistan to implement the Liaquat-Nehru Pact on Minorities.

Lala Bhimsen Sachar who was addressing a mammoth public meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Zainul Abdin Gilani, said that he was sure the honest implementation of the Minorities Agreement was bound to usher in an era of firm and sound relationship between the two great countries of the East—India and Pakistan.

He added: "The impossible has been achieved through the statesmanship of the highest order on part of the two Prime Ministers. We must thank God that our newly-born countries have been saved from being doomed to utter destruction. Thus saved we must learn to live in safety and peace."

He stated that the mission favoured the abolition of the permit system except to the extent of a nominal check at the border.

HANDLOOM CLOTH LIES UNSOLD

Sholapur Plight

SHOLAPUR, June 13 (PTI): Handloom cloth, mostly sarees, worth about Rs. 25 lakhs has been lying unsold in Sholapur, it is learnt.

There are more than 12,000 handlooms in Sholapur and no less than 50,000 people, mostly Salis depending on this industry.

The main complaints of the industry are non-availability of the particular type of yarn require for their looms, that the prices of yarn are too high and that they find it difficult to market the cloth.

Recently the weavers went round the city in two different processions, one led by the Rashtriya Handloom Sangh and the other led by the Communist Party, to invite the attention of the authorities towards their plight. They say Government should give protection to their industry since they are unable to compete with the textile mills.

Poona Weavers Demonstarte

POONA, June 12 (UPI): About 300 handloom weavers of Poona led a procession this afternoon to the collectors' office demanding that Government should implement its original order which directed powerlooms not to manufacture saris from July 1. The "Morcha" was sponsored by the Socialist-dominated Handloom Weavers' Sabha, Poona.

THIRD DERAILMENT IN 3 MONTHS

JODHPUR June 13, (PTI): A goods train wagon was derailed between the Kuchaman Road and Narainapura Stations on the Jodhpur Railway last morning, dislocating Traffic for about two hours.

During the past three months, two other derailment have occurred between these two station.

Jute Can Now Be Partially Replaced

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): Linseed straw at present rejected as waste can successfully replace jute as sacking warp, claims the Indian Central Jute Committee.

Recent research is stated to have shown that between 33 and 74 per cent of linseed straw fibre can be used up this way. It is estimated that every maund of straw would yield 20 per cent fibre.

Paddy Looters In Assam

GAUHATI, June 13 (PTI): Fifty persons, alleged to be connected with the looting of paddy godowns in some villages, 27 miles from here, were recently arrested by the Palasbari police.

It is stated that a crowd raided some godowns looted about 8000 maunds of paddy and distributed it among the assembled crowd They are also said to have assaulted those who protest against the action.

The Banking Agreement Under Review

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): The Implementation Committee of the Indo-Pakistan Banking Agreement met twice yesterday to review the working of the agreement. The committee will meet again today.

Anti-Rat Drive Saves 28,000 Tons Of Food

SIMLA, June 13 (PTI): Twenty-eight thousand tons of foodgrains estimated at Rs. 78,00,000 were saved this year from destruction by rats as the result of an anti-rat drive conducted in 15,78,000 acres from October 1949 to February last, it was officially learnt here today.

Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai

SRINAGAR, June 13 (PTI): The Secretary General of the External Affairs Ministry Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai is now in Srinagar on a holiday. He is expected to be here for about 10 days.

Santhanam Back In Delhi

NEW DELHI, June 13 (PTI): Mr K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, returned to Delhi by air from Bombay this morning on the conclusion of his tour of South India.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BACKWARD COUNTRIES

16 Nations Prepared To Give 16 Million Dollars

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter)

SIXTEEN nations announced yesterday at a special United Nations conference on technical assistance that they were prepared to contribute just over sixteen million dollars to help under-developed countries

The conference of 54 members and non-members of the United Nations met to discuss how much they could contribute to a programme of technical asistance.

The United States announced that it would give ten million dollars if other countries ga vev seeniominil?R countries gave seven million dollars. The total was just under a million dollars short of the target.

The ultimate aim is to form a pool of twenty million dollars for the first year of operation and as the conference is due to last until Wednesday, the fund is expected to receive further contributions.

Among the other offers were Britain 2,100,000 dollars, France 1 200,000, the Netherlands 400,000, Pakistan 140,000 (estimated) Iran 40,000.

Mr. Amjad Ali of Pakistan, said his Government would contribute point seven per cent of the total contribution. subject to a maximum of 500,000 rupees. "My Government have also agreed to allow the United Nations to convert five per cent of the Pakistan's total contribution into dollars if necessary", he added.

Mr. Ali said the "laudable effort" of the great powers in giving generously needed no commendation, but he hoped they would give still more.

EXPECTATIONS

Several countries also stated they would expect a proportion of their contributions to be spent in their own currency areas, and another proportion to be converted into dollars.

Others, such as Australia and the Netherlands, said if the ultimate budget of 20 million dollars was raised they would raise their contributions proportionately.

Yugoslavia which offered 50,000 dollars reported that one reason why it would not contribute more was the "unprecedented economic blockade" imposed on Yugoslavia for two years by the Soviet Union and Eastern European nations. Yugoslavia offered to receive students and fellows in specialised fields such as agricultural economy, medicine and hygiene.

INADEQUATE

Some representatives of under-developed countries expressed gratification that the United Nations technical assistance programme had got off to a good start, but felt the initial effort was inadequate to the high purpose involved, cables the PTI correspondent.

Mr. R. A. Saksena, India's Consul-General in New York, who represented his country at the conference, told the PTI correspondent that it was the biggest assembly of nations in history aimed directly at improving the welfare of peoples.

A good beginning had undoubtedly been made, he said, but the offers of contributions announced on the first day showed that the conference depended for its success upon the goodwill, in terms of money, of the industrially developed countries of the world.

For the time, Mr. Saksena said, the under-developed countries especially those of Asia, would have to be "at the receiving end" of the technical aid machinery.

Asian countries, Mr. Saksena thought, would play their part in the common pool of ameliorative effort and would naturally play a bigger part in the future, but during the initial period geater sacrifices would be needed from the countries that had taken the lead in calling the conference

GREATER CHANCE FOR PEACE NOW

U. S. Army Secretary's Optimism

LOUISVILLE (Kentucky), June 13 (PTI-Reuter): United States Army Secretary Frank Pace said in an address here that the world now has a greater opportunity for peace than at any time since the end of the last war.

"Our whole focus and attention are directed toward creating a state of peace in the world", he continued but warned that "there is always the possibility of something happening to throw us into war".

Replying to a question, he said the United States was not "fully prepared to resist an attack". But he added: "It is impossible to be ready for an attack in the complete sense of the word. In my estimation we have the best trained and best organised army in the world. Morale is at an all-time peak and the basic resourcefulness and ingenuity of the American soldiers cannot be equalised."

Mr. Pace received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Louisville.

ADMIRAL HARWOOD DEAD

Hero Of River Plate Battle

LONDON, June 12 (PTI-Reuter): Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, head of the first major naval action of the second world war—the Battle of the River Plate—has ied at Goring-on-Thames.

Sir Henry Harwood, who was 62 was in command of the Cruiser Squadron—Achiles, Ajax and Exeter which outmatched the German Pocket Battleship Graf Spee.

KOTTAYAM RED ARRESTED

Involved In Calcutta Mail Tragedy

MADRAS, June 13 (UPI): The police have arrested K. Gangahara Marar of Koduvur village, Kottayam (Travancore-Cochin), stated to be a Communist.

The man has been arrested in connection with the Calcutta Mail tragedy that took place near Sulpurpet on March 3 last, as a result of which six passengers were killed and 96 injured. He has been remanded in custody pending further investigation

The accident was reported to be due to sabotage as fish plates on the track were found to have been removed.

WIRE FENCE ALONG HONG KONG BORDER

Kwantung Governor's Reported Order

HONG KONG, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Reports from Canton today said that General Yih Chienying, Governor of Kwantung, had ordered erection of a wire fence along the border of Hong Kong, opposite a fence which the British Authorities were now building.

These reports, which were unconfirmed, said General Yih wanted to control the entry of the Chinese from Hong Kong "to keep out anti-Communists."

The British fence is being built to stop unrestricted entry of Chinese into Hong Kong as the colony's resources and accommodation are already overburdened.

CANADIAN FLOUR BAD

Ceylon Stops Imports

COLOMBO, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Ceylon's Food Commissioner, Mr K. Alvapillai, announced today he had stopped all further purchases of Canadian flour until Canadian supplies could guarantee good quality flour.

Ceylon bakers, had protested that Canadian flour was "not as good as Australian" and that because of Canadian imports people were now eating "worse bread than ever before"

Mr. Alvapillai said Ceylon has bought Canadian flour in the hope it would make Australia bring down her flour prices. About 35,000 tons of Canadian flour had been bought from private dealers.

At present all flour purchases are made by the Ceylon Government.

BEWARE OF BOGUS DEGREES

MADRAS, June 13 (UPI): The Government of India have drawn the attention of all the state governments and states unions to the 'fraud' that is being committed by "certain bogus education institutions" which sell forged certificates and degrees of certain universities for purposes of employment.

The state governments have been instructed to be 'on their guard against such a fraud' and to 'issue directions to the educational institutions to check up the certificates submitted by students and employees with the object of finding out whether any forged or bogus certificaates have been submitted

Monsoon Conditions In Madhyapradesh

NAGPUR, June 13. (PTI): Nagpur and some towns in Madhyapradesh have been experiencing monsoonish rain for a day now.

Nagpur, which recorded a maximum temperature of 105 degrees on Sunday last, recorded only 92 degrees as maximum temperature today. There was fairly good rain today and it was experienced intermittently. The meteorologists forecast that the rain will continue until tomorrow evening.

Amravati recorded a rainfall of 1.1 inch during the past 24 hours, which is the maximum rainfall recorded in the whole of Madhya Pradesh.

The Regional Meteorological Centre, Nagpur, also reports widespread rain fall in Chhindwara, Jubbulpore, Akola, Betul, Pachmarhi and Seon.

Netherlands Envoy Leaves For Home

NEW DELHI, June 12 (PTI): His Excellency Monsieur A. T. Lamping, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands in India, has left for a visit to the Netherlands During his absence, the Counsellor of the Embassy, Dr. J. H. Jeeman, will be the Charge d'Affairs ad Interim.

Favourable News From East Suppressed

REUTER CORRESPONDENT'S CHARGE AGAINST WEST

BERLIN, June 13 (PTI-Reuter).

MR JOHN PEET, Reuter's Chief correspondent in Berlin, announced yesterday that he "could no longer serve the Anglo-American warmongers". He made the announcement at a press conference called by Gerhart Eisler, head of the East German Information Department.

Mr. Peet thus in effect severed his connection with the British press, which he had served as a Reuter correspondent in Europe for the past four years.

Speaking in German, he said: "As a Western journalist I have become automatically and increasingly a tool of the American-controlled war machine. As an English patriot, democrat and friend of peace, I cannot continue along this path."

Mr. Peet said the "last straw" was the "lying and war mongering reports in the Western press of the great Whitsun youth peace demonstration in Berlin".

"The Anglo-American occupation policies in Germany are aimed at making Western Germany the jumping-off ground for a new war", he added. He assured the conference that he had not been influenced in his decision by "Rusian money or Central Asiatic truth drugs".

The German staff in Reuter's Berlin office were taken by surprise when Mr. Peet rang them from the building of the East German Government Information Service to give them the news of his action.

At the press conference, East Berlin journalists turned up in great numbers and an East German news reel camera man was also present.

ASYLUM GRANTED

Mr. Peet told a colleague immediately after the press conference that he had been "granted asylum" by the East German Government, and that he would remain in Berlin to work as a journalist under Eisler.

He said he began negotiations with Eisler directly after the Whitsun rally. He would not return to the 'Reuter office or the west side of the town".

Later in the afternoon, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, Mr. Alfred Geiringer, spoke to Mr. Peet from Frankfurt on the Telephone.

Mr. Peet told Mr. Geiringer not to add to the statement he had made, but went on: "My conversion was a gradual development. It took some time to mature".

He said he kept it a "complete secret from everybody, even my personal friends".

When asked about his family, he said: "It does not matter because I am separating from my wife anyway".

MONTY'S TACTICS

In his press conference statement, Mr. Peet said he had been told that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery Western Union Defence Chief, considered that a German army should be "set up as soon as possible", and that this would "not take very long now."

He went on: "When I became a Reuter Correspondent in 1945 I hoped that, by means of objective reporting from Vienna, Warsaw and Berlin, I could play my small part in helping a peaceful development of Europe and the world.

"At first, in the immediate post-war years, this was to some extent possible, but slowly I discovered that messages which spoke favourably about developments, for instance in the German Democratic Republic were being suppressed by the newspapers.

"Every Western journalist, if he is honest, can only laugh sadly at the so-called Western freedom of the press. Ther eis a freedom only for the warmongers, and we, the correspondents, are paid to supply the sort of stories that they like. But we have no freedom to report truly what is in fact going on or to fight for peace.

"I can no longer supply the warmongers with weapons. Thirteen years ago I went to Spain to fight as a simple British democrat in the ranks of the International Brigade for Peace and a better world. The democratic forces lost that stage of the fight, but we shall win the fight for peace which is now in full swing".

Mr. Peet declared he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

DENIAL

Reuter's headquarters in London Relations Department denied night that Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Keightley, British Commander-in-Chief in Germany, had made any statement regarding Field Marshal Montgomery's views on rearmament of Germany to Mr. John Peet.

The Public Relations departments of the British Army of the Rhine said "The Commander-in-Chief has not been in Berlin for eight weeks".

Reuter's head quarters in London commented: "Mr. Peet's action comes as a complete surprise. None of his British or American newspaper and news agency colleagues in Germany apparently had any forewarning or inkling of the fact that he had any pronounced political views. His news messages have always been accurate, impartial and beyond reproach".

"MENTAL STRESS"!

FRANKFURT: Mr. Alfred Geiringer, Reuter's chief representative in Germany, said in a statement: "John Peet had always been a completely objective correspondent in Berlin and until a few weeks ago had shown an equable temperament.

"Recently, however, he had seemed to be under some mental stress which his colleagues attributed to his serious domestic trouble and a recurrence of malaria from which he suffered in the Middle East".

Pakistan-Burma Border Firing

SMUGGLING INCIDENT

RANGOON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Burma has drawn the attention of Pakistan to a recent border incident in which Pakistani river police are alleged to have fired on an Arakanese river patrol, it is learned.

Official Burmese sources said the Arakanese patrol was pursuing on the Naaf River a boat suspected to be smuggling rice from Burma, when the Pakistani river police appeared.

The cources added that the Pakistani police opened fire, leading to a clash in which one one Arakanese constable sustained an arm injury.

The Pakistani police withdrew, taking the injured constable with them.

It was understood here that the Pakistan Government had promised to investigate and the Burmese Government expected an "amicable settlement" soon.

INDIAN DELEGATION IN BURMA

Tour Of Interior Parts

RANGOON, June 13 (PTI): Mr Gopala Reddy, member of the Indian Delegation, was given a rousing reception at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall on Sunday by the Andnra Mahajana Sangham who presented him with an address of welcome.

Addressing a packed house Mr. Gopala Reddy briefly surveyed the achievements of the Madras Government since the attainment of indepen dence.

If Indian nationals abroad, he said, had a feeling that they were not wanted in the countries of their adoption and cannot live with self-respect then their place was back in India for the mother country possessed enough resources to absorb them.

Mr. Gopala Reddy and Mr. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar commenced yesterday their tour of the interior of Burma with a flight from Toheho aerodrome en route to Ounggyi, capital of the Shan States. They are expected to return today.

EMPIRE PRESS CONFERENCE

Delegates Entertained

MONTREAL, June 13 (PTI-Reuter) Eighty delegates to the seventh Empire Press Union Conference were entertained to lunch yesterday by the News Prints Association of Canada.

This was one of the functions for the delegates who were on the second of their three-day stay here. Today they go to Ottawa for their main business Sessions.

Chief speaker at the lunch was Mr. A. M. Fowler, President of the Association, who said that the Canadian newsprint industry was expanding in response to world demands and had added six new mills in four years.

Mr. Fowler referred to the fact that the conference was giving attention to problems of freedom of the Press.

In most of the countries represented at the conference "such obvious dangers" as censorship and official suppression of facts were "happily, not serious" he said.

"But there are other more subtle threats to freedom of the Press that are indirect, and for that reason possibly more dangerous.

"The way in which currency controls are aperated: the inability to report fully and continuous[illegible] world affairs: the delays and [illegible] to the development of education and the elimination of illiteracy these are only a few of the indirect threats to true freedom of the Press".

Gurudev Remembered

PARIS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Indian students in France celebrated the 89th birthday of the poet Rabindranath Tagore at the Musee de l'Home in Paris yesterday.

In the presence of Wing Commander Sardar Malik, Indian Ambassador to France, a documentary film on Visvabharati (Tagore's University at Shantiniketan), was shown.

I N S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

Squadron To Take Part In Exercises

SINGAPORE, June 13 (PTI): The Indian Navy Squadron visiting Singapore from June 21 to July 5 will consist of seven ships headed by Flagship of the Indian Navy INS 'Delhi.'

After courtesy calls on the Governor of Singapore and others by the Commander of the Squadron, the ships will visit Singapore's famous naval basé at Seletar some miles away and return to Singapore on June 23.

The Squadron Commander and other officers will give a party the same day on board the Delhi, which will be attended by members, consular corps, leading officials and non-officials.

The Squadron will also participate in the combined exercises with the Far East Squadron of the Royal Navy and aircraft of the RAF from June 26 to June 28.

On July 1, the Squadron Commander will give a dinner on board the Flagship Delhi, which will be attended by the Governor of Singapore and the senior service heads.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Squadron of the Royal Navy will visit the INS ships during their stay here.

The ships will also be open to the public for two days.

Various entertainments and games are being arranged here for officers and crew of the visiting Squadron.

INDIAN SHIPS AT SOURABAYA

Rousing Reception

ON BOARD INS DELHI, June 13. (PTI): INS Delhi, Flagship of the Indian Navy, escorted by the three destroyers, Rajput, Ranjit and Rana, arrived at Sourabaya yesterday morning.

At the mouth of the harbour the Squadron was met by the Indonesian corvette, "Haung Tuah". The planes of the Indonesian Air Force dipped in salute as they flew over the Indian Squadron.

As the ships berthed alongside Madura Jetty, crowds of people were seen lined up waiting to welcome the "representatives" of India. When the ships moored Col. Mohammad Nazir, Officer Commanding, Sourabaya, came on board "Delhi," followed a little later by Commodore K. Vandongen, Naval Officer in Charge of the base who was received on board with an eleven-gun salute. A salvo of seven guns later fired in honour of Mr. P. Reeves, His Majesty's Consul in Sourabaya.

About five p.m. a deputation of the Indian community called on "Delhi" Commodore G. Barnard, Commodore Commanding the Indian Naval Squadron, received the visitors.

In the evening, a reception was arranged by Col. Mohammad Nazir for the officers of the Squadron. The ratings of the Squadron were treated to a dinner arranged for them by the Indonesian Navy.

CAPT. SOMAN CALLS ON SIR H. GOURNEY

PORT SWETTENHAM, June 13 (PTI).—Captain B. S. Soman, Indian Navy's Twelfth Frigate Flotilla Commander yesterday afternoon called on Sir Henry Gourney, High Commissioner for Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, Capt. Soman was staying last night at Kuala Lumpur as the guest of Sir Henry, radios V. C. Natarajan, PTI correspondent travelling with the Flotilla.

His Highness the Sultan of Selangor gave a garden party to Captain Soman and Officers of the Flotilla which arrived at Port Swettenham yesterday morning on the second lap of its Malayan cruise.

Earlier yesterday Mr. S. G. Ramachandran, Agent to the Government of India in Malaya inspected boys of the training ship INS Tir. Addressing officers and men of the frigate, Mr. Ramachandran wished them all success in their careers in the service of the country.

Mr. Ramachandran was given a guard of honour aboard INS Tir where he spent over half an hour chatting with officers and men.

STOPPING FOOD TO GUERILLAS

Measures In Malaya

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13. (PTI-Reuter): British Authorities here today announced a plan to stop food reaching guerillas in Perak State, in Western Malaya.

The movement of all food in Perak is being controlled under the Emergency Regulations, it was disclosed. A permit is needed to transport food by day anywhere in the State.

Movement of food at night is totally banned.

This step is regarded as making an important phase in the campaign by Leut. General Sir Harold Briggs, Chief of Anti-Guerilla Operations to break the back of the guerilla movement.

GIVE LAND TO TILLERS IN THREE MONTHS

Jammu Conference Demand

JAMMU, June 13 (PTI).—A convention of workers of the Jammu District National Conference held at Ranbirsinghpura yesterday urged the State Government to transfer ownership of land to the tillers within three months.

The convention appealed to the Government to enforce an ordinance for giving relief to the tillers "from the oppression of zamindars."

Sardar Budh Singh, President of the Jammu Province National Conference Committee, presiding over the convention said that the State had a definite economic programme in "new Kashmir" implementation of which would remove all wrongs and ills of the suffering humanity.

Rice To Blame!

TOKYO, June 13.

RICE is responsible for Japan's high birthrate, according to Doctor Keizo Kodama, dean of the Medical Department of Tokyo University.

Dr. Kodama has discovered that acid found in rice increases the activity of both male and female reproductive organs. it was reported by Kyodo news agency.

Similar study is being carried out in a Canadian laboratory, he disclosed.

Malayan Indians Honoured

HELPED IN ANTI-RED DRIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (PTI): An Indian building contractor who has executed a large number of building projects for the security forces in terrorists-infested areas of Pahang State, in Malaya has been honoured with the British Empire Medal.

The contractor Mr. T. Karthigesu, had constructed barracks accommodation for troops, police stations and airstrips "regardless of the considerable danger from bandit attacks which attended the construction of the projects", said the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, in presenting the insignia.

The Paymaster of the Malayan Federation Police, Mr. K. Subramaniam, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Among other recipients of titles were Captain Nandalal Thapa and Captain Pahalman Gurung (both M.B.E.), Captain Rakamasing Rai and Captain Bagbir Limbu (M.C.), and 14 persons of non-Indian nationality.

KARACHI PLANE ACCIDENT

Full Details

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, June 13.

The following is the detailed story of the Tiger Moth plane incident on Clifton Beach last Friday, in which two young Parsi girls lost their lives.

This tragic accident occurred between 10-45 and 11-15 a.m., when a "Tiger Moth" bi-plane was stated to have dipped over them for probably the fifth time so low as to hit and blow off the head of Miss Mani Pakirji Behrana, 16, who, along with her screaming companions, was running helter-skelter along the beach to escape the fatal sweep of the "Tiger."

The under-carriage of the plane seems to have hit also Miss Roshan Mavalawalla, 15, who was admitted to a policlinic with snapped spinal cord and a fractured hip bone. She succumbed to her injuries at about 4 p.m.

The party of school girls was out on the beach for swimming. As they went out, they saw a yellow Tiger Moth plane swooped on them. They shrieked and ducked. The plane came again and again, every time flying lower.

The last time it came, it caught four of the girls.

Miss Mani Behrana was hit on the head and killed instantaneously. Her friend, Miss Roshan Mavalawalla was hit on the back and died five hours later in a clinic.

Miss Pervin Driver and Miss Pervez Kotwal escaped with slight bruises. Miss Piroja Sethna fainted.

One of the girls of this unfortunate party, Miss Katy Mavalawalla, told newspapermen later that about a dozen school girls from the Mama Parsi Girls High School had gone for a swim on the Clifton beach.

Soon after their arrival at the beach an aircraft dived low over their heads. "We ducked shrieking as the aircraft zoomed past," she said.

DIVED LOW

After some time, she said, they moved towards the sea. The aircraft by then was out of sight. They had scarcely reached the waterline when the aircraft returned, dived low and they again ducked.

She said they went back to their old place on the beach and waited for some time before going back towards the sea, but they were again overtaken by the aircraft which again dived overhead. "It happened seven time," she said.

"We wanted to return home. But Mani said that now that she had come to the beach she would not go back without a swim. Mani did not want to come. We had dragged her to the beach," she said.

She added that the plane came again, and swooped over them lower still. "We ducked. But Mani and Roshan remained standing. Then they both fell down. After the aircraft was gone we saw that Mani's head was sliced and Roshan and Piroja had swooned," she continued.

The Police arrived soon after the incident. In the meantime the injured had been removed to Dr. S. N. Mistri's polyclinic.

Dr. Mistri said in a interview that Miss Roshan Mavalawalla's pelvic bone was fractured. She died at the clinic at about 4 p.m.

RPAF "MOTHS" IN AIR

Three yellow Tiger Moths were in the air on Friday morning. The RPAF admitted that two of these were their training aircraft. The under-carriage of one of them was found damaged when it returned to the air-field.

A plane belonging to the Karachi Aero Club was also up in the air. But it had returned to the hangar long before the accident happened.

The RPAF Headquarters, on learning of the tragedy, ordered investigation against the pilot of their Tiger Moth.

The Karachi Police, who are also investigating, have registered a case under 304 APPC against the pilot of the plane with the damaged under carriage.

The Enquiry Committee has promised the Karachi Police to give their verdict within the next 24 hours.

S-E. ASIA WON'T GO RED

Gen. Romulo's View

ROCHESTER, New York, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippines Foreign Secretary and President of the Unted Nations General Assembly, said in an interview yesterday that "a reviving South-East Asia will not fall prey to Communism".

He had arrived from New York on the last leg of a 12,000-mile journey from Manila to reach the University of Rochester where he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws.

"Asia believes in peace and peace is opposed to Communism," he declared.

He referred to the recent conference of Asian nations at Baguio in the Philippines, which, he said, "opened the door of a new era in that part of the world.

"This was the first time in history that representatives of free nations in this part of the world have met to explore the possibilities of close co-operation in many fields."

General Romulo denied rumours that the Philippine Government was unstable. "Vigorous democracy is taking root in the Philippines, and also in other free Asiatic countries," he asserted.

NO DECISION ON R.T.C.

Malan Awaits Pak Reply

CAPE TOWN, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): South Africa and Pakistan have not yet decided to go ahead with the proposed Round Table Conference without India, the Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, told the Union Assembly here today.

South Africa still awaited Pakistan's reply to the Union's proposals for the time and place of the conference originally scheduled to discuss living conditions of Indians and Pakistanis in South Africa.

After a preliminary meeting of representatives of the three countries in Capetown in February, South Africa initiated negotiations for fixing a suitable time and place, Dr. Malan said today. Pakistan had not yet replied to the Union's latest proposals.

India announced last week that it would not participate, because South Africa was going ahead with its Group Areas Bill establishing separate living sections for Europeans, Africans and coloured people.

(The Bill indicated that South Africa's mind was already made up and a Round Table Conference would accomplish nothing, India maintained).

U. N. MUST TAKE UP CHALLENGE

Amrit Kaur Condemns S. Africa's Attitude

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter):—Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, the Indian Health Minister, said in London yesterday that if the United Nations organisation really stood for something, it would have to take up the challenge which had come from South Africa over the future of Indians within the Union.

India recently decided not to participate in a proposed Round Table conference with South Africa and Pakistan on the subject when it became clear that the Union Parliament was going ahead with its Group Areas Bill, which will establish separate living areas for Europeans, Africans and "coloured people" and, in the opinion of Indian Government spokesmen, would add to the disabilities of Indians there.

Rajkumari Kaur told the Press Trust of India that by proceeding with the Group Areas Bill the South African Government was removing from the Round Table Conference the whole bone of contention which it was to have discussed.

It had destroyed all chances for the moment of India and South Africa coming to an agreement. The principles of international goodwill for which the United Nations stood had been flouted. It was difficult to understand the attitude of Dr. Malan's Government, she added.

HIDDEN EXPLOSIVES DISCOVERED

CAIRO, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): Two barels full of gelignite sticks weighing 635 kilograms were discovered recently buried under sand near Bawabet El Arab, in the western desert.

Acting on secret information, Camel Corps Meharists (desert police) is combing the area for more hidden ammunition.

Seretse Ready To Leave

CAPE TOWN, June 13, (PTI-Reuter): The Seretse Khama household has packed up and left Serowe, capital of the Bamangwato tribe for Lobatsi, 200 miles away on the Transvaal border. Seretse, banned from Bamangwato tribal territory in Bechuanaland for five years because of his marriage, was given special permission to visit Serowe for the birth of his daughter.

Wounded On Shoulder

SAIGON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter).—Luong, Viet Namese Director of Information in South Viet Nam, was wounded on the left shoulder when a terrorist fired several revolver shots at him early today. Luong's duties include censorship of the French and Viet Namese press.

U.K. Rejects European Unification Plan

POLICY STATEMENT SHOCKS FRENCH PREMIER

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-REUTER).

BRITAIN'S LABOUR (GOVERNMENT) PARTY FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY OPENLY REJECTED CURRENT SCHEMES FOR THE COMPLETE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNION OF EUROPE.

It turned down any idea of taking part in a European Parliament with legislative powers, and in effect repudiated British participation in any European experiment not founded broadly on Socialist principles.

The policy statement-contained in a 6,500-word booklet entitled "European Unity" is expected to create controversy, both in Parliament here and in the Council of Europe when its consultative assembly meets in August at Strasbourg.

Close co-operation with Asia and America for the benefit of European peace and prosperity was urged.

The document dismissed the idea of a neutral European "third force" to stand between the United States and Russia.

CRITICAL CHALLENGE

Published only a few hours before Prime Minister Clement Attlee was due to make a statement of Government policy on the Schuman plan for merging European heavy industries, the Labour Party's manifesto greeted the plan as "a critical challenge which the Socialists will be the first to welcome." But it asserted that "any industries concerned in European planning should be subject to Government direction in their own country" and later stated: "Joint planning means nothing unless the industries in each country are required to fit their investment programmes into a European Plan. The Labour Party is convinced that nothing less than public ownership can ensure this fully."

At a press conference on the pamphlet, Cabinet Minister Hugh Dalton —who will lead the British delegation to Strasbourg—declared that the pamphlet's reference to "public ownership" should be taken as applying only to Britain.

The pamphlet said that unless industries were under State direction a Government which had accepted certain obligations in an international organisation would have no means of carrying them out.

HESITATIONS

Main hesitations which have been evident in British Labour's approach to proposals for integration in Europe are clearly brought out in the manifesto. They are:

One: That Britain's special relationship to, and dependency on, the Commonwealth and the sterling area must be taken into full account.

"The economics of the Commonwealth countries are complementary to that of Britain to a degree which those of Western Europe can never equal" it said.

Two. Any schemes which would retard or reverse Socialist planning or achievements in social welfare would be difficult to accept on the grounds of political doctrine and would be unlikely to bring peace or prosperity in practice.

Three. Arbitrary surrender of sovereignty to a supra-national authority—whether in the Schuman plan or in the political field of the Council of Europe—is both undemocratic and unworkable without a clear definition of the responsibilities of that authority.

The statement rejected schemes for the sudden dismantling of trade barriers. Over a short-term period, this would cause serious dislocation, unemployment, and loss of production, it asserted.

But it declared—"Socialists" would welcome a European economic union which was based on international planning of full employment, social justice and stability."

AMERICA'S ROLE

The United States must play a major part in the building of unity throughout the free world, the pamphlet said.

"America alone at present commands the resources needed to support the development of world unity in its early stages.

"Close co-operation with Asia and America is vital to Europe's peace and prosperity."

The policy statement has been issued with the authority of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee. It has still to be endorsed in October by the Party's National Conference.

SCHUMAN SURPRISED

PARIS.—French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman has expressed surprise at the terms of the policy statement issued in London. M. Schuman said: "Speaking on the eve of the House of Commons debate on the steel and coal pool, I believe I am in a position to state that neither the Government nor the Labour Deputies will take as negative an attitude as that adopted by the statement of the Labour Party Executive."

A brief report of the Labour Party policy statement was shown to M. Schuman at an inter-ministerial meeting on the coal and steel pool talks, due to start here on June 20.

"The attitude of the Labour Party Executive surprises me I have difficulty in believing that so absolute an attitude has been definitely adopted," the Foreign Minister declared.

17 Nations Ranged Against France

HONG KONG, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): European and African soldiers are fighting with Viet-Minn Nationalist forces against the French in Indo-China, Peking .. Radio said yesterday.

According to the broadcast, they represent 17 nations, and belong to a newly-formed organisation called "The Association of European and African Peace Defenders in Viet-Nam".

Explosions In British Submarine

LONDON, June 13. (PTI-Reuter): An explosion in a battery compartment of the British submarine "Trenchant" (1,000 tons) today slightly injured four members of the crew the Admiralty announced.

The statement added that the "Trenchant", which was on exercises when the explosion occurred, was proceeding to pot under her own power.

It said she did not require assistance.

The accident was believed to have occurred off the north-west coast of Ireland.

Iraq Not Unwilling To Get Arms

LONDON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter A Foreign Office spokeman said yesterday that Britain had received the most formal assurance" from Iraq on arms supplies, and had so far not been informed of any move to repudiate them.

He was commenting on the announcement in Alexandria by Iraq: Prime Minister Tewfik el Suweidi that his Government decided to reject the "Big Three" declaration on arm for the Middle East.

Supreme Soviet Session

MOSCOW, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): A session of the Supreme Soviet was opened yesterday in the Grand Kremlin Palace, by Professor Alexander Palladin, President of the Ukrainian Academy of Science, and one of the oldest Deputies.

Mikhail Yasnov was elected chairman.

The session approved a six—point agenda including election of a presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

Future Of Jerusalem

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13 (PTI): The United Nations Trusteship Council has postponed till Wednesday a final decision on the future of Jerusalem.

The Council was on the point of passing the problem back to the General Assembly, when procedural objections were raised by Iraq.

MADHYA BHARAT CAPITAL ISSUE

Deadlock Again

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, June 13: The Executive Committee of the Madhya Bharat Congress Committee yesterday met here to discuss the issue of the location of the capital. After four hours of discussion, however, no decision was arrived at.

One group led by the Chief Minister was of the opinion that the question be left to the States Ministry while the other group supported by some Cabinet Ministers pleaded for the postponement of the issue till the next general elections are over.

It is reliably learnt that the question is likely to be put off for some time.

RED ANTS INVADE CEYLON VILLAGES

COLOMBO, June 13 (PTI).—Red ants have made life "terribly hot" for farmers living in Pandaitheruppu and adjoining villages in the Jaffna District, North Ceylon.

The President of a Farmers' Union meeting convened to draw official attention to the menace, said that the scourge had attained such proportions that unless effective measures are taken immediately, "life in the area will be impossible". In the fields, he said, the ants were destroying plant life and injecting venom into any one, who chanced to set foot near their habitations.

The President added that farms had been ruined, infants badly bitten and any unwary pedestrian received a shock as though he had trod on live coals.

NEW CABINET FOR MADHYA BHARAT

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, June 13: The Chief Minister is reported to be finalising his list of new Cabinet Ministers. His decision is likely to be announced within a couple of weeks. It is now learnt that more than two Ministers of the present Cabinet are resigning.

Mr. H. K. Mahatab, Industry and Supply Minister, seen addressing the 8-30 Club at Green's Hotel Monday evening.

'E. Bengal Minorities' 'Magna Carta'

16 DEMANDS TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

MYMENSINGH (East Bengal), June 12 (PTI).

A LENGTHY resolution embodying 16 demands of the minorities in East Bengal, which were considered necessary for the successful implementation of the Nehru-Liaquat Pact and the creation of conditions "for generating a sense of security in the minds of the minorities", was placed before the open session of the Minorities Convention this evening.

While welcoming the Pact "as a landmark in the history of Indo-Pakistan relations and conducive to restoration of confidence among minorities", the resolution, which was adopted by the Subjects Committee in the morning, criticised many officers of East Bengal Government for "not being actively alive to their responsibilities in implementing the Pact".

BRING THEM TO BOOK

The resolution demanded the setting up of a special machinery "to bring to book" all those involved in the last riotings and adequate compensation to the victims of the communal disturbances. It added that local officers, union board presidents and local leaders of the majority community should be held personally responsible for the treatment to minorities and collective fines should be imposed wherever necessary.

The resolution also demanded the release of all security and other political prisoners, and added that special powers must cease to be used except under judicial supervision.

The resolution further demanded that "the policy of requisitioning of houses of minorities must cease immediately and those houses already requisitioned or forcibly occupied must be released at once". A fair rent should be fixed for the requisitioned houses and payment of arrears should be arranged for within a month.

The resolution urged "the restoration of all properties, industries, business and trade seized or held by force or subterfuge".

Another clause in the resolution related to the seizure of firearms from the minorities and urged that the firearms already seized should be returned to owners with compensation and fresh licenses should be issued to those minorities who want them "as liberally as to members of the majority community.

RESTORE ABDUCTED GIRLS

A further clause demanded exemplary punishment for those found guilty of offences against women and also restoration of abducted girls to their original guardians without their having to go through the lengthy processes of law.

Abandment of the Ansar organisation as at present and its reorganisation with certain percentage from the minorities was also demanded in the resolution. Besides 50 per cent recruitment to services, including defence, from the minorities, direct recruitment in key positions in every district was also urged. "Service conditions for members of the minority community must not in any manner differ from those of the majority community members".

The resolution further demanded safeguards for the minorities' "education and culture". There should be propaganda by leaders of the majority community among officials that the minorities must be looked upon as good citizens of the State as others and that "it is characteristic of all civilised states to allow agitation for democratic rights and against maladministration and official corruption, inefficiency and highhandedness.

It also demanded "the formation of parties on political and economic principles by dissolution of communal parties for political purposes. For the same purpose, the resolution added, the Constituent Assembly should adopt the system of joint electorates.

MAKE PAK SECULAR STATE

"Propaganda must cease of Pakistan being an Islamic State, and steps must be taken immediately to embody the idea of a secular democratic state in the constitution to be framed for Pakistan".

The resolution declared: "The plea of what is or is not happening in another state must not be flung at our face as our allegiance is wholly and exclusively to the State of Pakistan".

Mr. Manoranjan Dhar, M.L.A., Mr. Bhupendra Dutta, Govindlal Banerjee, Chief Whip of the Congress Party in East Bengal Assembly, Jatindra Nath Bhadra, M.L.A., and J. N. Rakshit were among those who spoke on the resolution this evening.

CALL FOR CHANGE OF HEART

They criticised the "Islamic" character of Pakistan as pointed out repeatedly by its leaders and urged a change of heart among the majority community and practical demonstration of their sincerity to have minorities in Pakistan. Verbal assurances, they said, had failed to convince the minorities that they were wanted in Pakistan.

Mr. Govindlal Banerjee criticised the policy of requisitioning houses of minorities and seizure of firearms.

The session adjourned till tomorrow morning when the resolution will be finally adopted.

Earlier, a resolution moved from the Chair to condole the death of the victims of recent disturbances was passed by the convention, besides another resolution sympathising with those who had left their homes in East Pakistan.

MADRAS TO REDUCE RICE RATION

Stock At Its Lowest

MADRAS, June 13 (UPI): The Madras Government have under active consideration a proposal to reduce the rice content of the rations in the statutory rationed areas from eigh ounces to seven ounces per capita. This proposal of the Government would be placed before the State Food Advisory Council meeting tomorrow. On the decision of the Council, the Union Government would be consulted before any action is taken on it.

Explaining the State's present food position, a spokesman of the Civil Supplies Department said that the stock of rice was now at its lowest and they were now on the verge of encroaching on the State's buffer stocks which would last six weeks at the present rate of off take.

"It is a question of facing facts and nothing else", the spokesman observed and added "let the people say whether they will like a reduction of the rice content of their ration now and try to pull on with the stocks available on hand as long as possible or whether they will not face a reduction now, but be prepared to suffer after six weeks".

From now to October it was the 'crisis period' he explained and said that the Government would not hesitate to increase the scale of ration if help came from any quarter.

The Food Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow and the day after will discuss the general food situation with special reference to the Government's proposal to reduce the rice content of the rations from eight ounces to seven ounces per capita.

INCREASE IN COAL OUTPUT IN INDIA

BOMBAY, Tuesday (PTI): The production of coal in India during 1949 totalled 31,457,167 tons, it is learnt. The production for the previous year was placed at 30,124,175 tons.

The increase is ascribed to the installation of up-to-date coal cutting machines in some of the established colleries.

Increased Production Of Transformers Too

The production of machinery in India for the year 1949 included electric motors with a total capacity of 200,000 horse power. This was an increase of 50.000 over 1948.

The total capacity of transformers produced during 1949 was 225.000k v amperes a

Diesel engines manufactures totalled 4,600, an increase of 3,400 over 1948.

'Situation In E. Bengal Has Improved'

DR. GHOSH SUMS UP HIS IMPRESSIONS OF TOUR

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI).

"I AM definitely of the opinion that the situation has improved after the pact and all sections of people welcome it," says Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Member of the Congress Working Committee who recently made a one-month tour of East Bengal, in the course of a statement to the Press.

"If the Government, Muslim League leaders and leaders of Pakistan National Congress work in co-operation, things will further improve," he adds.

"Thousands of both Muslims and Hiudus, attended our public meetings even at odd hours and in spite of inclement weather. I had the privilege of meeting people of all shades of opinion and of all communities in various places.

"But it must be said that though there are no major incidents, forcible taking away of fruits from trees, and fish from tanks and bantering remarks are there on a scale which cannot be ignored. In some areas crimes have increased, to deal with which drastic steps are necessary, in my opinion. In some areas, Hindus complained that culprits were being leniently dealt with.

OFFICIALS' ATTITUDE

"Although the Premier of East Bengal and Dr. Malik are serious about the implementation of the pact and although many officers are trying their best, it seems to me that the same spirit has not yet percolated to all officers, specially of the lower ranks. Great efforts on the part of the authorities are necessary. Whenever Shri Shankerrao or myself went jointly or severally, prominent workers of Muslim League co-operated with us, but still I feel that greater effort on their part is necessary to educate the people in the rual areas specially, so that they might understand the real intention of the pact which, in our opinion is: Hindus must be able to stay in Pakistan with honour and dignity and Muslims must be able to stay with honour and dignity in Bharat.

"Everywhere Hindus asked us whether they could stay with honour and dignity. They have still a lurking suspicion that something might be happening again. They were also apprehensive on account of the propaganoa which is being carried on by some in West Bengal.

"There should be no room for complacence. I appeal to all concerned to be active and vigilant."

NO SUPPORT FOR ADJOURNMENT

U.P. Rebel's Move Fails

LUCKNOW, June 13, (PTI): Begum Abdul Wajid, a "rebel" Congresswoman made an unsuccessful attempt for an adjournment of the U P Legislative Assembly to consider the situation arising out of an industrial dispute in Lucknow.

The motion stated that the management of the Vikram Cotton Mills, Lucknow, had served a notice on 1,300 workers to return to work by today or face dismissal.

The speaker read out the motion and asked Government whether they had any objection to the motion to be discussed.

Mr. Sampurnanand, Minister for Labour, said that there was no threat of dismissal as mentioned in the motion, but the management might declare a lock out. Industrial disputes had become a common feature of modern India and it was not necessary to consider the particular issue by means of an adjournment motion.

The motion fell though for want of support from the requisite minimum number of members only twenty members sotod in support of it.

TRAVANCORE-COCHIN ASKS FOR MORE

MADRAS, June 13, (PTI): Mr. P Govinda Menon, Education Minister of the United State of Travancore and Cochin, told pressmen today that the Union had requested the Government of India for the supply of an additional 50,000 tons of food grains over and above 3,00,000 tons already allotted to the Union.

Mr. Menon who arrived in Madras thi afternoon by air from Delhi, said the Government of India, were now considering their request for the additional allotment.

The high price of U P rice and difficulties in the movement of foodgrains to the Union were also discussed by Mr. Menon during his stay in Delhi.

Pak Employers Welcome Foreign Capital

GENEVA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. C. Allana, President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce, said here today that Pakistan employers "heartily endorsed the Government policy welcoming foreign investment which comes into the country with a view to acceleratihg industrialisation". He was addressing the 33rd International Labour Conference as Pakistan employers' delegate.

Mr. Allana said the election of Indian Labour Minister Jagjivan Ram as President of the Conference was recognition of the "increasingly important role that Asia is playing in international affairs".

Hyderabad Ministers For Delhi

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) June 13 (PTI): Mr. C. V. S Rao and Mr. M. Seshadri, Finance and Home Ministers respectively of Hyderabad, will leave for Delhi tomorrow, to discuss with representatives of the Government of India questions relating to communication of jagirdars of the State whose estates were taken under administrative control of Government.

7 SIND PAPERS THAT CONDEMNED RASHDI

Only One Is Regularly Published

HYDERABAD, (Sind) June 12 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Abdul Shakoor Munshi, Editor, "Hilale Pakistan", Hyderabad and Treasurer, P.N.E.C., in a statement, yesterday challenged the 'bona fides' of Hyderabad's seven newspapers which were alleged to have "condemned" Mr. Rashidi, President of the P.N.E.C.

The seven editors, Mr. Shakoor said were not even members of the P.N.E.C.

He declared: "Out of seven papers on whose behalf the aforesaid statement has been published, only one is regularly published, the "Aftab", Urdu, three of them, the "Turjaman", "National Gazette" and "Shaheed" have not made an appearance during the past two years".

The "Voice of Sind" is also no more in existence. Two of them, "Aftab Alam" and "Mukhbir" appear casually just once in a month or so and that also for some specific purpose".

Mr. Munshi said that the editor of Mukhbir in a written statement has completely dissociated himself from the signatories.

Movement Of Evacuees

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): During the past 24 hours 6,256 Hindus and 2,017 Muslims arrived into West Bengal from Eastern Pakistan by train and 4,892 Hindus and 4,356 Muslims left, states a Press Note by the Government of West Bengal today.

The Press Note adds: By air 78 Hindus and 68 Muslims arrived and 46 Hindus and 42 Muslims left.

Fallow Land Broken

NAGPUR, June 13. (UPI): According to the report of the progress of the work done under the grow more food scheme in the state of Madhyapradesh about 57,432 acres of fallow land had been broken since April 1, 1950.

Re-Value Marks Of Failed S. S. C. Boys

PLEA AT STUDENTS' MEETING

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A plea for re-valuating the papers of those students who failed at the last SSC Examination or holding a supplementary examination in view of the "massacre" of some 25,000 students out of the total of 58,000 students who appeared, was made by Shri N. M. Joshi, the veteran labour leader this evening. He was addressing the Bombay Students Union at a meeting called to draw the attention of the Government to the extremely low percentage of passes this year.

Expressing his regret at this large-scale failure of the students Shri N. M. Joshi said that only the parents who bear the heavy expenditure on their sons education really felt the pinch of the matter.

LOSS OF ONE YEAR

The loss of one whole year in the case of the unsuccessful students was also to be deplored. There seemed to be some discrimination in this matter For whereas sc of the higher examinations were held twice a year, onl one opportunity was given to the students of lower grade. This should be remedied, be suggested.

SYSTEM CRITICISED

He criticised the present educational system which was far from developing the student's intellect. The system of examination was also faulty and he had little faith in it as a medium for testing a student's abilities.

He suggested that the SSC Examination should be abolished and in its place something like a School Leaving Certificate should be given to every student after completion of his studies at school. Answering the standard criticism of this scheme that it would benefit only the good students who would assimilate a good deal while the not-so-good type will learn nothing, he said that it was impossible that an average student would not benefit at all from a six to seven year's course of study at the school. He cited the system of examination for barristers in the past in England.

Finally he made a strong plea for putting the SSC Board on an elective basis with representation for schools and other educational interests.

A resolution was passed at the meeting based on Shri N. M. Joshi's speech.

APPROVER GIVES EVIDENCE IN JESSOP COMPANY CASE

Plan To Murder European Officers

CALCUTTA, June 13. (PTI).

BEFORE the Special Judge trying the "Jessop Company Rioting Case", in which 49 employees of the Company stand charged with rioting, murder of European officers and other offences, the Public Prosecutor, Mr. B. C. Nag, examined Akkas Ali, who turned approver and obtained pardon.

The incident occurred in February last year in the company's factory at Dum Dum, about 8 miles from Calcutta, simultaneously with the armed raid on Dum Dum airport and Gouripur police station followed by similar raids on Basirhat police station and the sub-treasury four officers including three Europeans were killed and four other persons were injured in the rioting.

Akkas Ali said that he was employed in the factory for the past six or seven years. In February, 1949, there were 70 or 80 men in his Department (the Assembly section) and Mr. F. G. Turnbull was the foreman of the section.

Witness said that the labourers of the factory organised a Labour Union known as Jessop's Labour Union, about four or five years ago. Ramnath Mallick was the President and Pravat Chatterjee the Secretary of the Union. They both worked in the planning office of the Company.

PUJA BONUS

Witness continued: "In the year 1948, the Union took up the question of "Puja bouns" with the authorities and filed a suit against the management before the Labour Tribunal as the management did not concede the claim of the employees to bonus. The suit was decided in favour of the Union, whereupon the management filed an appeal against the decision before the High Court.

In the middle of February, there was a strong rumour that a large number of workers would be discharged from the factory very soon and a meeting of the workers was held on February 19. Apart from the workshopmen, some members of the revolutionary Communist Party of India came to attend the meeting from Calcutta. The trend of the speeches in the meeting was that if the workers had to fight the employers, they would do so with the last drop of their blood, prevent retrenchment and realise bonus from the employers in every possible way.

RETRENCHMENT

Witness said that the Company had retrenched 137 workers from the mechanical section on February 24. The Union President asked witness not to make any row, as all arrangements would be made by him to prevent retrenchment. On the night of February 25 witness and others met in a secret meeting in the Union Office at which the President told them that he had contacted some members of the RCPI who would supply them with bombs and other deadly weapons and men. The President also said that the RCPI would attack Dum Dum jail and rescue political and state prisoners, attack the ammunition factory and take away arms and ammunition and then the aerodrome would be attack. The Labour Union members would have to help the RCPI by joining them in their raid on the Bashirhat Thana and Sub-Treasury. The President further said that the European members of Jessops Factory must be murdered. Witness heard the President telling the members of the Union that unless they were prepared to fight the Company in that manner, retrenchment could not be and would never be stopped, nor the grant of bonus would be ensured. All the members present approved of the arrangements made. Witness was told by the President that the Jessop's Labour Union had connection with the RCPI and that it would help the Union in all possible ways. In the meeting, it was settled that on the following day each member of the Union would attend the workshop and each of them would be told by the members of the Executive Committee what he would have to do.

The approver had not finished when the hearing was adjourned.

Peace Moves To Solve Dispute With Jordon

"FACE SAVING" FORMULA IN ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL

ALEXANDRIA, June 13 (PTI-Reuter).

IRAQI delegates to the Arab League Council here today made last minute "peace" bids to solve the dispute with Jordan over her incorporation of Arab Palestine.

The Political Committee of the League was considering tonight whether to expel Jordan for her action—a step demanded by Egypt.

Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Lebanon have supported Egypt. Iraq has declared she will not vote for Jordan's expulsion from the Seven-Nation League. Yemen has not so far disclosed her position.

Faced with this dispute, which threatens to split the League, Iraq's Premier Tewfik el Suweidi Bey, produced a "face-saving" formula for the Committee.

This morning his Deputy Salah Jabar Bey called on the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Salah El Di Bey, to persuade him to accept the formula.

The dispute was before the Committee in the form of an Iraqi proposal that Jordan's differences with the League be composed.

Premier Suweidi explained he hoped the formula might result in Egypt dropping her demand for Jordan's expulsion.

The Iraqi Premier also said: "We attach no great importance to the Big Three declaration on Middle East arms policy and we will never subscribe to it.

(Britain, France and the United States issued a joint declaration on their arms policy for the Middle East stating that they would sell arms to the Arab countries and Israel, provided these countries agreed that the arms would not be used for aggression. This declaration is on the League Council agenda).

Shri Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay laying the foundation stone of Choodamani Rashtriya Vyayam Shala on Sunday last.

Nehru Will Spend Busy Four Days In Burma

FIVE LAKHS OF INDIANS READY TO GREET HIM

RANGOON, June 13 (PTI-Reuter).

FIVE lakhs of Rangoon's population, half of whom are Indians, are eagerly awaiting the visit of India's Prime Minister on his goodwill mission next week.

The Government of Burma released this evening the programme drawn up for his four days' stay in the country's capital.

Pandit Nehru and party will arrive at Mingladon airport on the afternoon of June 20. The Indian Prime Minister will drive to the President's house, where he will stay throughout his visit as State guest.

After lunch with the President, he will be accorded a civic reception by the citizens of Rangoon at the City Hall.

The Foreign Minister has arranged a reception in Pandit Nehru's honour at the Union Burma Club in the evening, while Prime Minister Thakin Nu will entertain him to a dinner.

VISIT TO GOLDEN PAGODA

On Wednesday, June 21, Pandit Nehru will visit the famous shrine—Golden Pagoda—considered to be one of the wonders of the world, and then pay homage to the memory of Aung San and his comrades by visiting the martyr's memorial and placing wreaths there. Later, he will visit the Indian Embassy and attend a lunch given by the Burmese community and a tea party at the headquarters of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League.

Pandit Nehru will also visit the Indian Ambassador's residence during the evening.

An equally busy day awaits him on June 22. In the morning, he will visit the Ramakrishna Mission Hospital which has risen from the ashes after the Japanese bombing. He will then address a public meeting on the Burma Athletic Association Grounds. After lunching with the Indian Ambassador, Mr. M. A. Rauf, Pandit Nehru will attend a tea-party at the Burma Indian Association premises, where he will address a press conference.

The Indian community will accord him a public reception at the City Hall in the evening and the Burma Women's Freedom League will entertain him to a dinner.

PICNIC

Pandit Nehru will have a restful day on June 23, when Thakin Nu will take him by a special launch on a picnic to Maudin, 50 miles away, returning in the evening.

He will return to India on the morning of June 24.

Minority Problem In Pakistan

REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFER IN DELHI

CALCUTTA, June 13. (PTI): A preliminary conference of representatives of minorities of both East and West Pakistan and other non-refugee leaders to discuss the minority problem will be held in Delhi in the second week of July, it is learnt here. This is likely to be followed by an All-India Refugee Conference to consider the situation and chalk out the future programme.

The decision to call the preliminary conference was reached yesterday when Dr. Choithram Gidwani, President, All-India Refugee Association, Mr. M. C. Davar, President, All-India Refugee Convention, and representatives of various relief organisations dealing with refugees from East and West Pakistan met Dr Shyamaprasad Mookerjee.

They discussed the refugee proolem as well as the Nehru-Liaquat Pact.

TECHNICAL AID TO BACKWARD NATIONS

India Offers Quarter Million Dollars

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): India today offered 250,000 dollars to the United Nations Fund for the technical assistance to under-developed countries

Mr. R. K. Saksena, for India announcing the contribution at the Technical Assistaice Conference, said it was a "profound regret" that economic conditions in India were such as to make impossible a contribution which would "do justice to the size, population and trade of my country.

OUR CAPACITY

He emphasised that India was herself one of the most under-developed countries in the world. He cited economic facts, such as average income to support this point. He added: "I am citing these facts not to tug at anyone's heartstrings but simply to show that we are not in a position to make a substantial contribution. In fact, it is our hope that we will be allowed to be a beneficiary in the United Nations programme'

Mr. Saksena said India was satisfied to find that the programme did not propose to give doles "which bless neither the giver nor the receiver".

India fully supported the principle that each participant in the scheme would contribute according to its capacity, he said.

Mr. Saksena, in announcing India's contribution in its dollar equivalent, emphasised that it was not convertible into dollar except under conditions agreed upon by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Indian Government.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER

NEW YORK, June 13

Previous closing	..	33.18
Today's opening	..	33.11
Difference	..	—7
Today's closing	..	33.00
Difference	..	—18

N. Y. Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, June 13: Stock Exchange opening prices: Anaconda copper mining unquoted, General Motors 98-3/4, U.S. Steel Common 36-3/4 U.S. Steel Pref. 145-1/4.

New York Cotton

NEW YORK, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): New York cotton opening October 33.11.

T. T. New York on London previous closing 2,79-7/8/2.80-1/8

LONDON BULLION

LONDON. June 13: London silver spot and forward 63-1/2d

Gold bars fine per oz ~~£12-8-0~~.

LONDON EXCHANGES

T T London on New York 2,7987/2 8012.

INCREASED LONG LIQUIDATION IN STEELS

Market Quiet On Technical Considerations

BOMBAY June 13.

After the recent steady improvement in active shares on increased short covering, The Bombay Stock Exchange was inclined to offer on technical considerations. There was moderate realising which met some short covering on recessions.

As pointed out before the market has developed hesitant tendency and there was more inclination to await the decision of the textile advisory Committee. The recent covering weakened to some extent the technical position of the market. Thus there are likely to experience some irregular price movement with declining tendency.

The market opened quiet and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1692|8. There was some liquidation and Defds declined at Rs. 1687|8. At this level short covering developed with speculative support and Defds improved at Rs. 1700|- but met renewed selling and steadied at Rs. 1695|- Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 332|- and after declining at Rs. 331|- steadied at Rs. 332|-

Indian Irons were done at Rs. 30|3 while Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 21|2.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 985 and after declining at Rs. 980|- rallied at Rs. 985|-. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 302|- and after declining at Rs. 300|- steadied at Rs. 302|- Svadeshi Mill Shares opened at Rs. 255|- and after declining at Rs. 252|- steadied at Rs. 253|-.

Scindia Shares opened at Rs. 11|1 and after declining at Rs. 10|14 rallied at Rs. 11|1 Bombay Burmas were done at Rs. 515|-.

Thereafter there was increased selling and Tata Steel Defds declined at Rs. 1687-8 and Ordinary shares quietened at Rs. 330. Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 980. Closing tone of the market was quiet.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (27-8)	978 12
Kohinoor Mills (1)	300 8
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	253 0
Central India Mills (6)	235 0
Simplex India Mills (6-8)	223 0
New Great Eastern (8)	134 0
Indore (8-3)	110 0
Gokak Mills (12) XD	247 8
Century Spinning (15)	232 8
Century Spinning (15)	230 0
Finlay Mills (15)	244 8
Swan (20)	306 0
Finlay Mills (15)	240 0
Morarji Gocuidas (S)	160 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	217 8
Meyer (12)	80 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 12
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	11 10
India United Defd.	1-12-3
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (9)	126 8
Khatau (5)	156 8

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord. (14)	329 8
Tata Steel Defd. (84-15)	1687 8
Tata Steel 2nd. Pref. (7-12)	144 0
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	155 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	510 0
Belapur	230 0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	10 15
Shivrajpur (1-8)	35 4
Premier Construction	91 0
Tata Chemical	11 12
Tata Oil (2)	45 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	30 0
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	21 1
British India Corp. (0-2)	8 9
Indian Copper	2-4-3
Wimco	212 8
Alcock	290 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (3) XD	153 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1400 0
Tata Power (25)	1507 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone (5)	60 4
Phoenix (9)	138 2
Indian Mfg (40)	3950
Kuria XD	105
Colaba (12)	104 8
New City (11)	172 4
Minerva (12)	135 10
Bradbury (12)	613 12
Bharucha Defd (0-4)	1
Bharat Mills (2)	28 8
Mysore Defd. (04)	150 0
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14 4
Model Mills (13-8)	151 4
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	625 0
Vishnu Coton (8)	191 4
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	227 4
Sholapur (200)	3030 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (9-8-0)	16 12
Hindustan Mills (40)	2950
Tata Mills (2-4)	43 12
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	228 12
Sassoon Silk	34 4
New Union Mills (0-8)	18
Madhusudan S (2-5)	32 0
Shrinivas Mills (8)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	51 0
Berar Mills	255 0
Victoria Mills	225

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	115 10
Ahmedabad New XD	87 12
Surat Electric	136 14
Karachi Electric (2)	127
Broach (0-5)	6 6
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 1
Amalgamated	11 2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 4
Poona Electric Supply (8)	126
Bombay Suburban (3)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	146 4
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India	1862 8
Imperial Bank P (10-12)	460 0
Central Bank	83 12
Central Bank New (1-8)	84 0
Bank of India XD	179 0
Union (0-3)	7 7
Baroda (2-3)	125 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37
United Commercial (1-2)	44 12
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	81
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-9)	20
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	870 0
Empire (10)	673 12
New India (1-7)	63 12
Jupiter (0-12)	12 12
Vulcan (0-10)	13 7
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39 4
Universal	9 0
B I C (1)	17 8
Industrial and Prudential	28
Neptune	7 0
New Great	19 8
RAILWAY SHARES	
C. P. (1-14) XD	112 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	211 4
Bombay Burma New (5)	175 0
Burma Petrol	1 8 9
Mackenzie (6)	90
Kemp and Co (20)	312 8
Port Canning (3)	52 12
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	100
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	81 12
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	52
Mukund Iron	4 5
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	138 2
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	27 8
Indian Cement (1937)	20 0
Gaurisano Nagar Industries (B.S.)	14 8
United Motor	28 8
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	785 0
Hydary Construction	19 2 6
Mahamad Steam	100
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Sardar Carbonic XD	750 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrella Batteries	30 0
National Rayon	53 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	200 10
Andhra Valley (7)	1207 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1311 4
Hydro Electric (7) XD	130 10
Bombay Steamer (6)	212 8
Central India (5)	650 0
Swadeshi Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	670 0
Laxmi	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	107 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	334 6
Surat Electricity (3-4)	140 0
Pre. Construction First	99 5
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref	98 0
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical	127 8
Walchandnagar	1130 0
Jupiter	12 15
Supreme	100
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie First	92 0
Mackenzie (2)	85 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 4
Mysore Mill	41 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 0
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	75 12
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	101 4
Rubber Planting	
Bombay Steamer	98 8
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	101
Walchandnagar	106 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 13
New Victoria	2 2
New Victoria Pref.	4 4
Phalton	92 8
Goic Mohar	285
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325
Sajjan X R C D	105 0
Osmanshahi XR CD	120 0
Ajam Shahi	110 0
Air Service	3 8
Air India	59 0
Hind Motor	5 5
Indian Steam	6 9

Singapore Quiet

SINGAPORE, June 12:

The pepper market was quiet with Black Lampong at 440 dollars per picul and White Muntok at 765 both 10 lower.

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA June 12:

KARNAK: July 74.00+125, Nov. 72.90+110, Jan. 72.65+85

ASHMOUNI: June 140.00+1000, Aug. 128.00+2200, Oct. 62.05+160.

GOLD AND SILVER

Increased Selling In Yellow Metal

BOMBAY, June 13.

The Bullion Market recorded irregular price movements. There was some professional buying in silver while the yellow metal suffered further drop on increased arrival and poor offtake.

At the opening forward silver was quoted at Rs. 185|14 and declined at Rs. 185|12 on scattered selling. At this level there was professional buying support and the market improved at Rs. 186|4 and steadied at Rs. 186|-. Ready Silver was quoted at discount of annas two while Bullion bars were quoted at Rs. 185|8.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 114|13 and declined at Rs. 114|6 on increased selling and steadied at Rs. 114|8 Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 114|14 and Sovereigns were done at Rs. 75|4.

Silver after declining at Rs. 183-15 and gold after touching Rs. 113-6 improved on professional buying. Closing quotations were as under:—

	Rs.as.ps.
Ready Silver Bullion	185 0 0
Forward	185 12 0
Ready gold	114 10 0
Forward	114 4 0

PRODUCE MARKET

Decline In Oil Prices

BOMBAY, June 13.

The local produce market was quiet today with utter absence of any important business.

Increased offerings and the poor offtake marked down prices of groundnut oil.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality ready	Rs. 44 8 0
Bold ready	43 8 0
Madras Coromandal	44 4 0
Oil Bombay Mills	23 8 0
Oil Upcountry Mills	22 14 0
Oil July	23 3 0
LINSEED—	
Bold ready	37 4 0
Small Satna	36 2 0
Bold July	37 9 0
Oil	21 2 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
Bold	26 8 0
Ready	28 2 0
Madras quality	28 7 0
July	28 13 0

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, June 12.

		Rs as.ps.
120	Ready Japan	7 4 0
150	Ready Japan	6 13 0
120	Ready Italy	6 12 0
150	Ready Italy	6 5 0
150	D. Box July	1200 0 0

July opening Rs. 1232 Highest Rs. 1235, lowest Rs. 1198. Clearing July Rs. 1200. August Rs. 1175. 2/40 staple opening Rs. 7 Highest Rs. 7-0-6 lowest and close Rs. 6-11-6.

Pepper Quotation

BOMBAY, June 12.

Ashad delivery .. 2325 to 2355

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, June 13.

Tata Ordinary 329, Tata Deferred 1685, Indian Iron 30-1, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21-1, Bombay Dyeing 980, Central India 236, Gokak 249, Kohinoor 301, Simplex 223, Swadeshi 254, Tata Power 1505, Associated Cement 156, Belapur 230, Bombay Burma (Old) 510, Scindia 11, Central Bank 84, New India 64, Tata 2nd Pref. 144.

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY June 13

Ashad Delivery 2190 to 2210

N. Y. Pepper Quiet

NEW YORK, June 12:

The pepper market was quiet with spots holding around 1.15 dollars. There was some buyers well below asking basis. Following are today's closing quotations:—Black Pepper: Spot 1.15 dollars, Old Contract: June 1.15, July 1.15, August 1.15 and September 1.15 all nomial. New Contract: June, July, August and September all 1.15 nomial. White pepper spot 2.25 asked.

Cheques Cleared

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending the 9th June, 1950 were as under:

Number of Cheques: 180,043.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 51,79,05,577-10-6.

American Markets

HEAVY GENERAL SELLING IN N. Y. COTTON

Wall Street Firm With Good Activity

NEW YORK, June 12.

Sharp opening declines, except near July, were immediately extended on active commission house profit-taking and spot house selling. The latter was believed to be hedging against increasing purchases of loan equities and from the 1948 Commodity Credit Corporation pooled stocks.

Initial gains in old crop July were attributed to trade covering but it eventually declined in sympathy with other months though again prices rallied on covering. In the afternoon after recovering virtually all earlier losses on additional replacement buying and short-covering, prices finally declined sharply attributed to increased hedges and New Orleans selling uncovering stoploss orders.

Further reaction in grains and reports of beneficial rains in Western Texas and Oklahoma over the weekend possibly contributed to the loss. The market closed barely steady with sales at 325,000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK

July	33.75
October	33.18
December	33.20
March	33.22
Middling spot	34.80

October highest 33.44 at 14-44. Lowest 33.18 at 15-00 hours.

NEW ORLEANS

July	33.48
October	33.10
December	33.05
March	bid 33.09
Middling spot	33.80

WALL STREET MARKET

Industrials Reach New Highs

Gains upto one dollar or more were recorded in moderately good activity with the industrial average touching a new 1950 high and the rail index equalling the previous high for the year. News continued mostly favourable and, together with the mildness of corrective effort, served to intensify investment and speculative enthusiasm. At noon the averages were industrials 227.26 and rails 56.84 Selected industrials, notably motors and chemicals, made further headway in the afternoon to show gains upto two dollars or so.

Elsewhere prices mostly held although demand was quieter. Noted but having little effect was the House of Representatives Speaker's recommendation of a rise in corporate tax rates from 38 to 40 per cent as a means of offsetting revenue losses from the cutbacks in wartime excise levels. The market finished at or around the day's highs. The session closed firm.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Tel and Tel	158 1/8
Amerex Holding Co.	34
Anaconda Copper	32 3/4
Chase National Bank	39
Firestone Tyre	65
General Electric	50 1/2
General Motors	98 7/8
Ingersol Rand	66 1/4
International Nickel	29 1/4
National City Bank	47 3/4
N Y Central Railroad	14
Sinclair Oil	28 1/4
Socony Vacuum Corp	20 1/4
Texas Corp.	71 1/2
Union Carbide	49 7/8
U S Smelting and Refining	38 7/8
U S Steel	36 7/8
Western Union	27 5/8

U. S. Steel highest and lowest trading prices were 36 7/8 and 36 respectively.

Volume of business on Wall Street was 1,780,000 shares.

Short Covering In Chicago Grains

CHICAGO, June 12.

An initial decline reflected accumulation of selling orders following Saturday's closing weakness disclosing a disappointing offtake. Prices subsequently recovered fractions to two cents a bushel on shortcovering and some replacement buying but encountered renewal of commission-house liquidation and scattered hedges which again met limited buying interest. Mill and exporters were buyers of wheat early on export prospects.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

July 2.10-3/4.
September 2.11-7/8.
December 2.14-5/8.
March 2.15-1/4

N. Y. Silver Sales

NEW YORK, June 12.

Demand was again well sustained in the open market with dealings approximating 175,000 ounces at unchanged 73 cents per ounce.

Paris Bourse

PARIS, June 12.

The Bourse made an excellent showing on a possible lifting of exchange controls, stabilising the franc and expansion of credit. Most groups were active and firm. Renewed demand pushed industrials higher in forwards while on spots, industrials, breweries, textiles and various specialities were all prominently higher. International were in less active demand but Royal Dutch and Rio Tinto made new progress. Rentes three per cent made a good gain.

Brussels Cheerful

BRUSSELS, June 12.

Sentiment was fairly cheerful and the markets held steady with occasional firm features. Plantations and colonials did well but coals showed signs of easing.

Amsterdam Depressed

AMSTERDAM, June 12

The stock market was slightly depressed partly due to Paris' offerings of Royal Dutch. Dealings were limited and internationals generally were a few points lower. Plantations sagged, shippings displayed a friendly undertone. State loans were easy.

London Stocks

LONDON, June 12.

2-1/2 per cent British Consols £71.

3-1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961 £95-3/4.

4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90 £107-7/8.

3-1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1, 1952 £93-3/4.

Chartered Bank of India £9-9/16.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank £79-1/2.

National Bank of India £31-5/8.

Transactions on the London stock exchange are officially placed at 9,732 shares.

London Pepper Easy

LONDON, June 12:

The pepper market was easy in the absence of buyers. Black Lampong, June/July, was nominal at 8sh. 3d., and White Muntok was offered at 14sh. 6d. shipping weight with White Sarawak at 14sh. 9d., delivered weight per pound c.i.f., basis ports. Malabar afloat was indicated at 960 sh. and June at 940sh per cwt., c.i.f., United Kingdom. Owing to the possibility of an increase in the Indian export tax in July no forward quotations were available.

London Copra And Oil

LONDON, June 12:

The copra market was easier with no bids. Philippines bulk June/July was unchanged at 189 dollars but Straits Dutch East Indies fair merchantable was offered at £82-1-2 delivered weight both per ton. c.i.f.

The coconutoil market was quiet with straits in drums quoted at £123 and in bulk at £119, Ceylon in drums at 119-1/2 and in bulk at 114 all per ton c.i.f. June shipment.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

During the week ended the 9th June, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,83,50,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below the latest information of movements of Lloyd Triestino vessel during June:—

Steamers "Firenze" Due abt. 23rd June From Italy Sailing abt. 27th June for East Coast of India.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY June 13

3 per cent Conversion	97	4 0
2 1/4 per cent 1954	99	0 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	13 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	1 0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2 0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	95	3 0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	0 0
3 per cent 1963-55	101	8 0
3 per cent 1957	101	6 0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	1 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	1 0
3 per cent 1970-75	93	13 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	0 0
4 per cent 1960-70	109	14 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	8 0
4 per cent 1958-68	112	8 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS		
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	12 0
3 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	2
3 3/4 per cent Madras 1963	97	2
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	10 0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	8 0
3 per cent Punjab 1962	100	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-55	100	8
3 per cent O. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6
3 per cent N.-W.-P. 1952	98	2
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99	8
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	8 0
4 per cent BPI long dated	109	8 0
4 per cent Bombay Muni 1959	109	12
per cent Bombay Muni	113	8
6 per cent H. P. T. 1954	113	8 0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculations Quiet But Steady

CALCUTTA, June 13.

The Calcutta share market ruled quiet but steady today with regard to the more speculative stocks, while others remained more or less unchanged. Following are todays final transactions up to 3 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent India Government Loan 1986 97/4 bonds 1957 101/7 small lot 3 India Government Loan 1970/75 99/13/6, 4 per cent India Government Loan 1960/70 109/8 small lot.

BANKS: Bengal Central 7, United Commercial 44/4.

COTTONS: Howreah ordy 258, Victoria ordy 2/3.

COALS: Bengal 515, BHA Burrakur 13/14, Central India 4/8, Dhemo Main 16/5, Equitable 45, Katra Jherriah 36/4, Seebpore 34/8, Sendra 12/10, South Karanpura 25/4, Standard 23/7, Talcher 2,13, Western Bengal 5/5.

JUTES: Alliance 153, Anglo-India 225/8, Auckland 129, Bally 236, Ganges 269, India 159 Howrah 28/10, Kankinarrah 147/8, small lot C T Kelvin 283, Megna 145, National 24/2, Nuddea 66, small lot Orient 199, Presidency 8/9.

ENGINEERING: Insapnp Iron and Steel ordy. 29/14, Jessops 15/5, Kumardhubi Engineering 7/12. Marshalls 7/12.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 2/13, Indo Copper Corpn. 2/4, Sone Valley Cement 6/5, Alluminium Corpn. 6/14, B I C preference 164, small lot F and C Osler 4/15, Indian Aluminium 119, National Tobacco 19/2, Rohtas Industry 5/13, Shaw Wallace 15/2, B B Petrol 1/8, Orient Paper 36, Shreegopal Paper 11/5, Titaghur Paper 39/8, Assam Saw Mills 76/12, India Gen. Navgn. 82/8.

SUGARS: Balrampur 5/1, Cawnpore pref. 155/, s o l Mohini 2/2, TEAS: Birpara 179, Dessai and Parbuttia 245, small lot Samanbagh 14/12, Seeyok 12.

Central Bank Of India Ltd.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India Ltd. for the fortnight dated 31st May:—

LIABILITIES:—

	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,76,66,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary Shares	2,52,12,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary 'A' Shares	52,42,000
Reserve and Other Funds	
Reserve Fund	3,16,28,000
Contingency Fund	40,00,000
Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings	38,07,000
Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable, etc.	1,26,90,84,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	31,18,41,000
	1,65,18,14,000

ASSETS:—

Cash Credit and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	40,22,16,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	7,72,71,000
Bills Discounted	6,76,19,000
Lands and Buildings	98,87,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	27,99,75,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds,— Government Paper, Treasury Bills,—	
Shares, Debentures, etc.	31,48,46,000
	Rs. 1,65,18,14,000

Ahmedabad Markets

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, June 13.

From the igher level, market was subdued and closed with some bearish sentiment after fluctuations. Calico opened at 252-4 the highest being 253 and the lowest 249-8. Arvind opened at 774 touching the lowest at 766. Ambica opened at 294 and the lowest rate was 291 Deferred opened at 1694; lowest rate was 1682 and the highest 1703. Newshorok opened at 552 the lowest rate being 545. The following are closing quotations: Calico 250, Arvind 768, Ambica 291 Deferred 1687 Ashok 342 Newshorok 545-8 Aryodya-Ginning 411-8.

COLD STORAGE OF PERISHABLES

Advisory Body To Meet In Bombay

NEW DELHI, June 13. (PTI): The Agriculture Ministry's Advisory Committee on Refrigeration meeting at Bombay on June 16 will consider measures to improve facilities for cold storage of perishable foodstuffs, it is learnt here. Besides officials of the Central and State Government, representatives of the trade and the growers will participate in the meeting.

The Advisory Committee on Refrigeration was constituted by the Government of India in November last year to advise the Government on various problems connected with the industry. Mr. K. L. Punjabi, Agriculture Secretary, Government of India, will preside over the Bombay meeting.

The agenda includes consideration of matters concerning the maximum utilisation of existing cold storages throughout the year; provision of facilities for refrigerated transport of perishable foodstuffs by the Railways, manufacture of refrigeration plants and component machinery in India and training of skilled personnel for the refrigeration industry.

U.P. RAISES PRICE OF LAND RIGHTS

Tenant Has To Pay More Now

LUCKNOW, June 13. (PTI): The U. P. Legislative Assembly today raised the price to be paid by tenants for the acquisition of bhumidhari rights of ownership over land from ten to eleven times the rent.

The "sirdar" tenant by contributing to the Zamindari Abolition Fund of the State Government can acquire these rights.

The House took this decision in the form of an amendment to Clause 140 of the U.P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill. The amendment was moved by a Congress member and was accepted by the Revenue Minister.

Fakhrul Islam Elected Leader Of Opposition

LUCKNOW, June 13 (PTI): Mufti Fakhrul Islam has become the Leader of the Opposition in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly having been elected leader of the Peoples Party—the main opposition party in the Lower House.

The party which met today for the annual election of office-bearers had before it a letter written by Mr. Z. H. Lari, Leader of the Party, and the Opposition Leader in the Assembly advising the members not to re-elect him as their leader.

Begum Liaquat Operated Upon

BOSTON, June 13. (PTI-Reuter): Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, wife of Pakistan's Prime Minister, was operated upon today for goitre at New England Baptist Hospital and her physician pronounced the operation a success.

KARACHI MARKETS

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, June 13.

The cotton market was firm at higher levels. Spot sales yesterday were 1,500 bales besides 2,000 business booked in new crop October at 78-8 for rollers, and 82-8 for sawgins. Yesterday, there were exports of 780 bales for Havre and Kobe.

Four members, including well-known firms of Kilachand Devchand and Gillco have been fined Rs. 500 and suspended from membership for a fortnight by the Karachi Cotton Association under by-laws 19 for contracting business with Yugoslavia contrary to the directions of the Association.

Cottonseeds were firm on exports of 30,000 bags for Bombay bedibunder. Floor price of six rupees is likely to be fixed for wheat and Government may commence buying shortly with a view to prevent a crisis amongst agricultural class as a result of falling prices.

Current quotations: Cotton NT rollers 77-8 Punjab 289 F 79 Four F 76-6 Cottonseeds ready 8-9 gold 102.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, June 13.

MILLS

Apollo 2-12
Bharat 28-8
B. Dyeing 987-8 78-12 86-4 77-8 81-4 78-12
C. India 237 34-8 36-8 35
Century 230
Finlay 244-8
Gokak 250-8 49-8 50 49 47-8
I. U. Defd 1-12-3
I. U. Ord. 11-10 11-9 11-10
Indore 110 11-4 10
Kohinoor 302-8 300-1-8 299-4 301 300-8
Model 151-4
Podar 126 26-8 (Ex div)
Shrinivas 162-8
Simplex 222 23-8 21 24 22 23
Svadeshi 254-8 52 54 52 53
Tata Mills 43 43-4
Vishnu 193-12 91-4
C. P. Rly. 112
B. Steam 208-12 10. 6-4 11-4
Scindia 11-2 10-14-6 11 10-14-6 10-15-6 10-15

BANKS

Baroda 125
Central 84 83-12
Central New 84
Imperial Old 1855 62-8
Imperial New 460
India 179
U. Commercial 44-12

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad 115-10
Andhra 1397-8 1400
Suburban 151-4
Hydro 153
Power 1501 2-8 6-4 7-8
New India 64-8, 63-12.

STEELS

B. Steel 21-1 21-2 21 21-1
I. Iron 30-2 30-3 30-1 30-3 30
Tata Defd. 1693/12 95 87-8 1702-8 1683-12 90 97-8
Tata Ord. 332-8 30-8 32-8 29-8 30-4 23-8
Tata IInd Pref. 144-4 43-12 44

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 290
A C.U. 156-4 56 56-8 55-8 55-12
Belapur 231 30
B.B Old 512-8 16-4 8-2 17-8 10
B.B New 176-4 75
B.B Petrol 1-9 1-8-9
B.I.O. 8-9
P. Const. 92-8 93 89-8 91-8 91
Shivrajpur 35-8 36 35-4 35-8 35-4
Tata Chem. 11-11. 11-12
Tata Oil 45
Wimco 212-8

SPECIAL

All India Gen. Ins. 7-10
Ahmedabad Elec. New 89 87-12
B. Suburban Elec. New 143-4
National Rayon Ord. 53

U. K. TRADE WITH INDIA

Principal Exports And Imports

(In £000)

	Full Year 1949	4 Months Jan-April. 1949	1950
Total All Exports	117,132	47,794	29,177
Of Which:—			
Machinery	38,946	14,312	13,218
Vehicles (including ships and locomotives)	15,771	6,059	5,431
Electrical goods & apparatus	9,255	3,780	2,224
Chemicals, drugs, dyes & colours	10,252	4,646	1,455
Total All Imports	98.215	33,271	29,521
Of which:—			
Tea	41,746	15,815	9,574
Jute manufactures	10,691	3,421	1.988
Raw jute	5,206	2,146	318
Leather & manufactures	10,288	3,235	3,945

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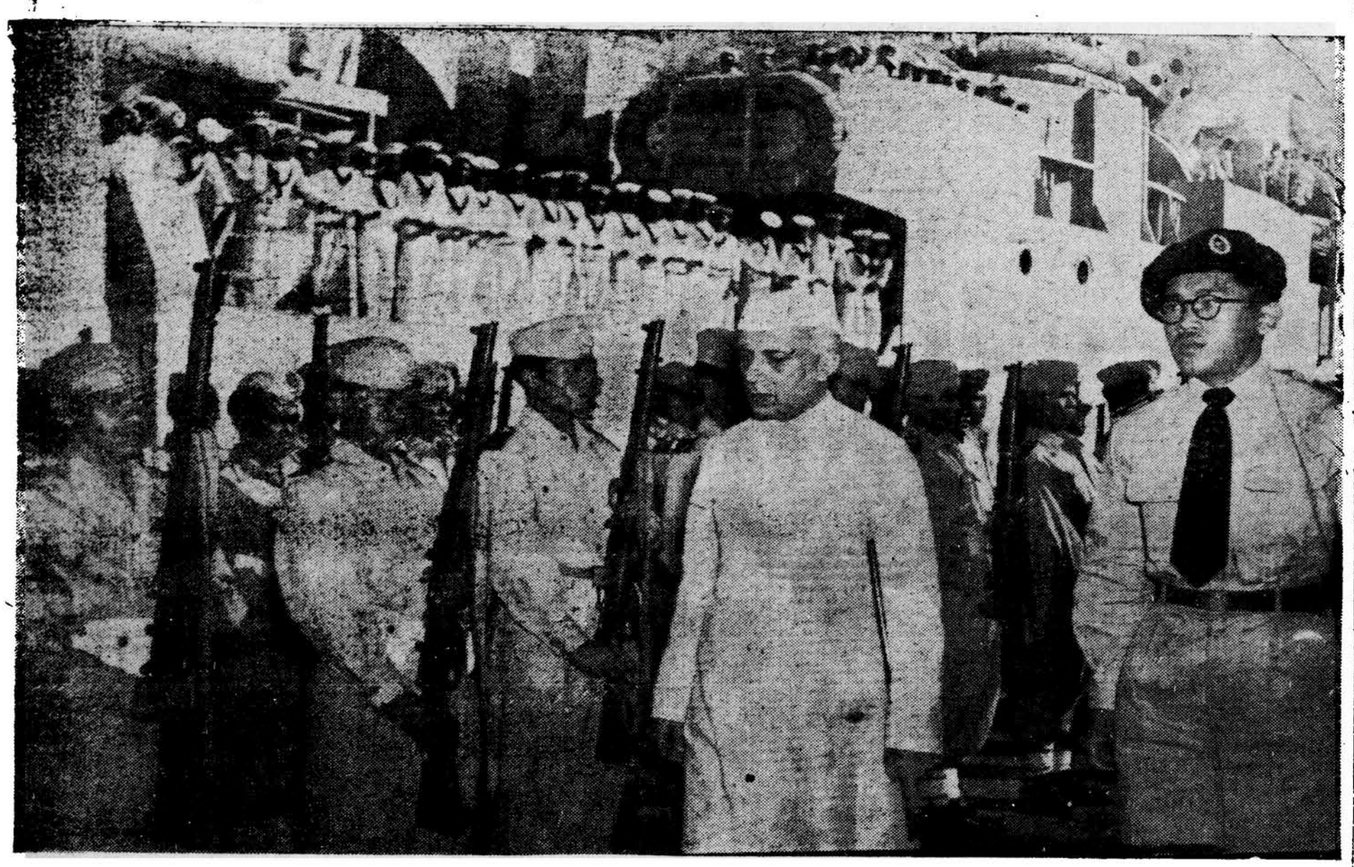
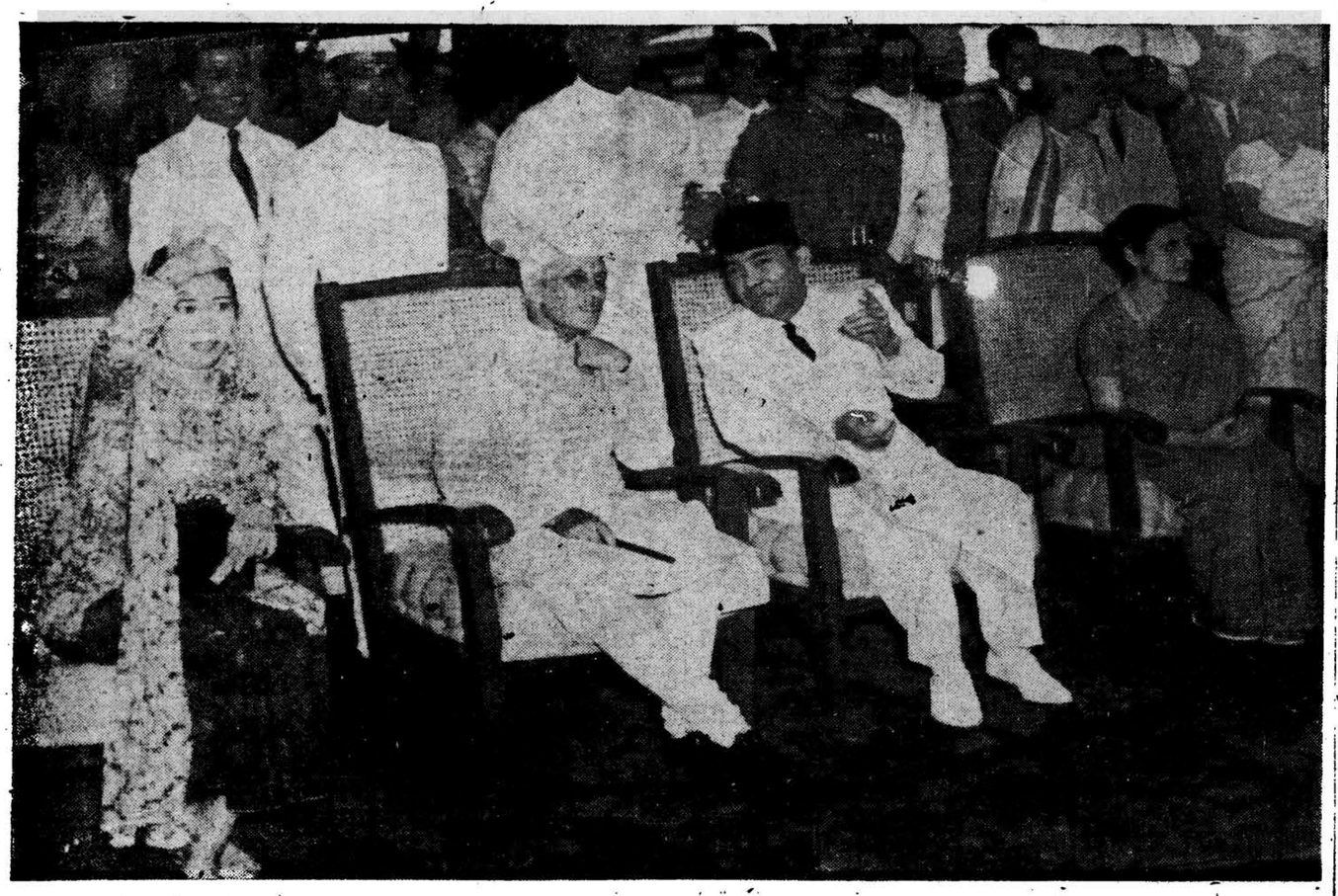
INDONESIA WELCOMES INDIA'S NEHRU



Inspecting a guard of honour of Indonesian crack troops.

It is not the size of the army that counts, but the size of the fight that the army is capable of. This was true of the Indonesian Army, which, though small, was responsible for the resistance movement against the Dutch and against the Japs during the latter part of World War II. Pandit Nehru paid high tributes to the youths of the Indonesian Army and appealed to them to work ceaselessly to preserve peace in Asia.



Pandit Nehru with the Soekarnosat Taudjeing Prink before leaving for Djakarta.

BRITAIN WANTS TO "WAIT AND SEE"

Exchange Of Official Notes On French-German Pool Plan

PARIS, June 13 (PTI-Reuter).

THE French Government today published the text of the notes exchanged between the British and French Governments "relating to the French proposal of pooling coal and steel productions and of instituting a new high authority".

On May 25, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bsvin wrote to M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister (this note crossed the French Government's memorandum of May 25):

"A full-scale international conference to which no participating country could come without a great deal of preparation and some degree of commitment seems to me an inappropriate way of handling this affair in the next stage.

"In my view, the most desirable step would be the earliest institution of direct conversation between France and Germany.

"His Majesty's Government would like to participate in these from the outset, with the hope that by obtaining a clearer picture of how the proposals would operate in detail, they would be able to join the scheme."

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

On May 27, the British Government sent another memorondum to the French Government in reply to the French note of May 25. This was accompanied by a draft communique.

It said Britain could not make any commitment to pool resources and set up an authority with certain sovereign powers as a prime condition to join the talks.

But Britain wanted generally "to adopt a positive attitude towards the French proposals".

On May 31, after France had replied to the previous note, the British Government said that "after the most careful study" it remains the view of His Majesty's Government that to subscribe to the terms of the draft communique of May 25 would involve entering into an advance commitment to pool coal and steel resources and to set up an authority, with certain supreme powers, before there had been full opportunity of considering how these important and far-reaching proposals would work in practice."

But Britain's offer to participate in direct talks between France and Germany "applies equally to any discussions which the French Government might arrange with other governments willing to participate on the same basis as the German Federal Government."

With this memorandum, the British Government enclosed a draft addendum to the communique on the pool plan declaring that though Britain would take part in the proposed talks" in a constructive spirit and in the hope that, as a result of the discussion, there will emerge a scheme which they will be able to join" they could not "at this stage, enter into any more precise commitment".

On June 2, the British Government said it appreciated the effort which had been made to find a formula but there was "still a difference of approach between the two Governments as to the basis on which the negotiations should be opened."

BRITAIN WISHES TO HELP

Attlee Explains Policy

British Prime Minister Clement Attlee declared today Britain wished to help, not hinder, the Schuman Plan but qualified his statement by saying the way in which she helped would appear "only after negotiations have started".

The plan, proposed by Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, looks to the integration of the French and German coal and steel industries and of instituting a new high authority.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Attlee said the British Government had always made clear that it was fully prepared to co-operate in the closer integration of European economy with other governments holding different economic views. He wanted to make it clear that the British Government "must have in mind the basic economic needs and security of the country and the necessity to ensure that the United Kingdom is in a position to discharge its responsibilities in every part of the world".

Members of Parliament, meeting for the first time since the Pitsun recess, crowded into the Chamber to hear the Prime Minister's statement.

When France first announced the plan, it became clear from informal discussions between French and British officials that while the French Government had not worked out how their proposals would be applied in practice, their view on procedure for negotiations were definite, Mr. Attlee said.

These entailed acceptance in advance of the principles underlying the French proposals, which as the British Government had already stated, it felt unable to do. Therefore, he said, the position was clear.

"The British Government will be kept regularly informed of the course of the negotiations which will open on June 20 between the French, German and other governments. They themselves initiated studies of the French proposal immediately after it was put forward and these studies will continue.

"But there is no question of putting forward any alternative British proposal at the present time. It would not be right to take any step which might be regarded as a diversion or as an attempt to modify the course which the French and other governments have decided to take.

News BRIEFS

TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE: A tripartite conference of officials of the Government of India, Madras and Hyderabad will be held at Vijyawada, in Madras State, on the 16th June to review the result of the concerted drive launched against the Communist operating in the border districts of Madras and Hyderabad it is learnt.

COMEDIAN AND MAGICIAN: Over 4,000 spectators cheered the Hollywood comedian Bob Hope, and the Indian magician "P.C. Sirkar (when they appeared at Chicago Opera House recently in a magic show of Indian tricks, according to information received in Calcutta.

REVOLVER MISSING: A six-chamberd revolver, belonging to a constable on guard duty at W. Bengal Government House, was reported missing since June 11 night.

One person was arrested in this connection. Police investigation is proceeding.

PAK AUDIT PARTIES: The Government of Pakistan have decided upon the system of deputing audit parties to check the accounts of Pakistan's diplomatic missions abroad, it is reliably learnt.

CONGRESS GROUP POLITICS: A convention of Congressmen belonging to the Sachar-Satyapal group will be held in Ludhiana in the last week of this month, it is announced. The convention will try to chalk out the future programme of the group.

SYMPOSIUM: An inter-dominion symposium will be held at Moga in Ferozepore district on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The symposium will be presided over by Mr. Prithvi Singh Azad, Labour Minister, Punjab, and will be attended by prominent poets from India and Pakistan. It will be the first India-Pakistan symposium since partition.

STILL OPTIMISTIC: Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Leader of the Nationalist Chinese delegation in the United Nations expressed unshaken faith in the ability of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's forces to reconquer the Chinese mainland eventually.

KISANS ARRESTED: Four leaders of the United Kisan Sabha have been arrested by the Rajpipla police, following trouble between agricultural workers and a zamindar in Valia Mahal of Broach district.

INDIAN CHEMIST HONOURED: The Royal Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland has honoured an Indian Chemist, Prof. Nirmal Kumar Sen by electing him as a Fellow of the Institute this year.

Weather Holds Up Trains

CALCUTTA, June 13 (PTI): Owing to cyclonic weather, the through running of train service over the Sahibganj B.A.K. loop on the East Indian Railway was interrupted yesterday states a press note issued by the Public Relations Officer, Calcutta Railways.

The Press note adds that although some of the down trains arrived late at Howrah station the normal schedule of departure of Up train from Howrah was maintained.

The combined parcels and passenger from Kiul was terminated at Bandel and it returned from there as the 555 Up.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

THE editorial sanctum has the most peculiar visitors. The world at large seems to believe that an editor's sole mission in life is to listen to disgruntled citizens and write thundering leading articles airing their pet grouses. The majority of these worthies come in a decidedly belligerant mood, usually with that peculiar glint in the eye that sets apart from the ordinary, hum-drum homo sapiens the one that champions a CAUSE

One of this clan breezed into the office, and the editor—possibly because he had tangled with a rather aggressive individual the day before, and did not want to repeat the experience—put the responsibility on my unwilling shoulders. And what could I do for him, I politely enquired? Nothing much, it seemed, only bring pressure on the Government to scrap the Film Enquiry Committee because it refused to give him a hearing.

Finding that he was seething with righteous rage, I tried to shunt him on to the film department. Unfortunately the ruse didn't work as the two rather nondescript fellows who run the film page were—as is usual with them—absent. These latter, incidentally, put in a sporadic appearance in the office, generally half an hour before the paper goes to press, making a great pretence of being extremely busy people and loudly claiming that a film stands or falls by the stuff they dish out about it.

To get back to my original caller: he evidently felt that he would get scant attention unless he humoured me, since he fished out a battered packet and offered me a cigarette. I suppose he must have seen me glance at the tin of State Express 555 that he carried, because he laughed apologetically and explained that the tin was empty.

It seems that the hall-mark of success in the film industry is a tin of expensive cigarettes, complete with the attendant matches Whether the tin holds the original brand or anything at all is a moot point, but this is a minor consideration—the mere possession of the tin is supposed to proclaim one a top-flight Thespian, the darling of the adolescent set and the heart-throb of every damsel in distress.

Having had the misfortune to see some of our bleary-eyed Romeos in the flesh, I have an idea that they are in need of more than side-burns and cigarettes. My visitor seemed to have decided that there had been enough of dalliance and appeared eager to start. I was wondering just how to put him off when the vacuous countenance of the film critic greeted me at this juncture. I breathed a sigh of relief, gladly handed over charge, and beat a hasty retreat. Which should give you some idea of how we work here.

PLIGHT OF 2 NATAL INDIAN STUDENTS

Can't Continue Study At Johannesburg 'Varsity

CAPETOWN, June 13 (PTI-Reuter): The South African Minister of the Interior, Mr. T. E. Douges, replying to a question today said the Department of the Interior had refused to extend the period of two Natal Indian students studying at Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg. He said the students were Mr. E. A. Lokhart and Mr. S. K. Naidu, both of whom were registered as taking the arts course.

The Registrar of the University stated that a Bursary had been awarded to Lockhat by the Indian Students Bursary Committee. No confirmation was available about any bursary help to Naidu.

Asked why the Department of the Interior had refused to extend the permits, Mr. Donges replied: "Neither of these two people obtained prior permission to attend a university outside their province of domicile, and their cases only came to notice after they had enrolled as students. Moreover, the University of Natal had a special non-European section which is able to provide Indian students with a full course of study in the Faculty of Arts."

Smuts' Condition Unchanged

PRETORIA, June 13 PTI-Reuter):—An official bulletin issued this afternoon said "General Smuts spent a satisfactory night. His condition is unchanged".

General Smuts has been ill at his farm at Doornkloof, near Pretoria, smce May 28.

TEA FOR LIQUOR

ALLAHABAD, June 13 (UPI): Tea as an alternative to liquor has been suggested by the Contact and Propaganda Advisory Committee which has recommended opening of tea booths in 'dry' areas.

A Contact and Propaganda Advisory Commitee was formed to advise social workers going to the "dry" district of Rae Bareilley.

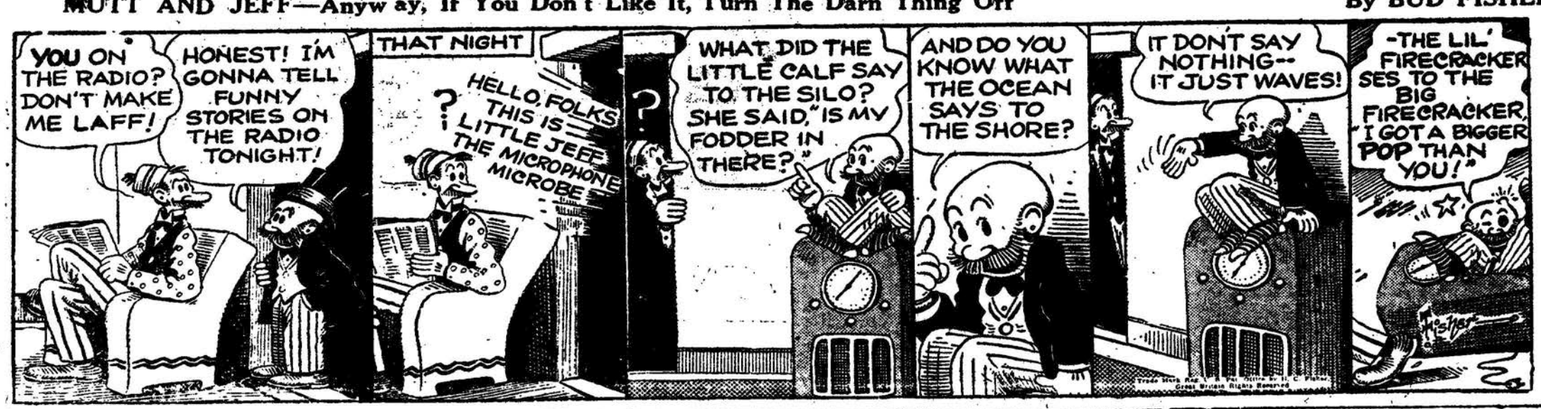
It has suggested that "tea is probably the least expensive drink which could atke the place of liquor as it is least harmful and has stimulating effect."

46 New Research Schemes

Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned 46 new schemes of research, estimated to cost about Rs. 13 lakhs, it is officially stated.

These include schemes on soil conservation, disease investigation, wheat rust control, research on tapioca and sweet potatoes, preservation of fruits and vegetables, manurial trial etc. Besides these, 75 current schemes have been extended, costing nearly Rs. 107 lakhs

MUTT AND JEFF—Anyw ay, If You Don't Like It, Turn The Darn Thing Off — By BUD FISHER


YOU ON THE RADIO? DON'T MAKE ME LAFF!
HONEST! I'M GONNA TELL FUNNY STORIES ON THE RADIO TONIGHT!
THAT NIGHT
HELLO, FOLKS! THIS IS— LITTLE JEFF, THE MICROPHONE MICROBE
WHAT DID THE LITTLE CALF SAY TO THE SILO? SHE SAID, "IS MY FODDER IN THERE?"
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE OCEAN SAYS TO THE SHORE?
IT DON'T SAY NOTHING— IT JUST WAVES!
-THE LIL' FIRECRACKER SES TO THE BIG FIRECRACKER, "I GOT A BIGGER POP THAN YOU!"

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